Iraq anticipates major offensive

SULAIMANIYA, Iraq (R) — Iraq anticipales a major new Iranian offensive on the Gulf war from north of Baghdad, a senior Iraqi army commander said Tuesday. "A major (Iranian) offensive can take place on this sector at any time these days," First Army Corps Commander Lieutenant-General Naza Al Khazraji told reporters at Sulaimaniya, a Kurdish town 260 kilometres north of Baghdad. Reporters were flown by army helicopter to Sulaimaniyah, the headquarters of Gen. Khazraji's corps, two weeks after Iran launched a cross-border offensive, about 40 kilometres east of the town. Iran claimed its forces captured more than 300 square kilometres of Iraqi territory in the three-day offensive. Gen. Khazraji denied the Iranian claim. They lost 60 per cent of their attacking force, which exceeded 45 Revolutionary Guards banalions, and gained nothing but a few mountain peaks," he said. An Iranian guards battalion consists of 350 to 400 men. Gen. Khazraji said the Iranians 100k some border mountain peaks in the Mawat area, eight kilometres from the border and 55 kilometres from Sulaimaniyah.

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Resistance men claim attacks on SLA

BEIRUT (R) - Resistance fighters said they made two attacks against pro-Israeli militiamen in South Lebanon on Tuesday, killing or wounding nine of them. Lebanon's "Islamic Resistance" said in a statement that a bomb planted in an emhankment hlasted a South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia patrol in the Tonmat Niha area, two kilometres south of the town of Jezzine. The statement said five SLA fighters were killed or wounded when the explosion set their armoured personnel carrier ablaze. The guerrillas also said they fired a rocket-propelled grenade at a vehicle carrying fonr SLA militiamen near Kafar Houneh, also south of Jezzine. The four militiamen were wounded the second statement said.

Iranians rocket 2 Kuwait-linked ships

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) Iraman gunboats have blasted two tankers in the Gulf with cannon fire and rockets in the last 24 hours despite the presence of a patrolling U.S. warships, maritime salvage officials reported Tuesday. They said the panamanian Petrobulk Regent, hit Monday night, and the Japanese Shuho Maru attacked Tuesday, both suffered engine room and hull damage. Both vessels were linked with Kuwait.

Arab towns go on strike

TEL AVIV (AP) — Municipal offices shut down in Israel's 46 Arab towns and villages Tuesday as officials ordered a strike to demand more government funding, Israel Radio reported. The National Council of Arab Municipalities demanded 50 million dehts piled up over the past two years, council secretary Nimr Morkof said in an interview. Leaders of Israel's 700,000-member Arab community have protested that they are rontinely discriminated against hy the Israeli government. Mr. Morkof said Arab municipalities received a quarter of the budget allocated to Jewish towns for regular expenses and one-tenth the funds

Panel orders return of funds to Iran

THE HAGUE (AP) — The Iran-U.S. claims tribunal has ordered the United States to return \$451.4 million in frozen Iranian assets. and said return of the funds was not linked to the fate of American hostages held in Lebanon. The tribunal ruling dealt with account number one, the residue of a \$3.66 billion account established with Iranian money in 1981 to pay off syndicated bank loans. The tribunal's statement that American hostages were not at issue in the case came after the U.S. government warned that its complaince with the tribunal order by releasing the funds could be seen as 'surrender" to Iran over the hostage issue. The hostage issue surfaced in the financial negotiations after Iranian Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsaniani said several times last fall that return of all assets held by the United States was a precondition for any Iranian government intercession on behalf of American hostages held in

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King: Jordan will not hold independent talks with Israel

Israeli reports of agreement with Jordan are 'mudslinging'

By a Jurdan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — Jordan will not negotiate independently with Israel nor drop its insistence on Palestinian representation in any talks, His Majesty King Hussein said Monday

In an interview with the Boston Globe, the King described reports from Israel that Jordan had agreed to direct talks with the Jewish state as "mudslinging" which had not helped the Kingdom's efforts to advance peace efforts. The interview, which appeared in Tuesday's issue of the Boston Globe, was conducted by Curtis Wilkie, Middle East

correspondent of the newspaper. The King said Jordan still recognised the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as the legitimate representative of the

OUJDA, Morocco (Agencies) -

Morocco and Algeria have

agreed to talks after 11 years of

stormy relations stemming from

their conflict over the Western

Sahara, senior Moroccan sources

But there is still a long road

ahead before solving the differ-ences at the root of the tension

between the two north African

states, diplomats in Rabat quoted

The breakthrough was

achieved with the help of King

Fabd of Saudi Arahia who set up

Monday's meeting here between King Hassan of Morocco and

Algerian President Chadli Ben-jedid.

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid

Karami resisted Syrian pressure

on Tuesday and reiterated his

determination to resign, a top

resignation," Syria's military in-telligence chief in Lebanon, Bri-

gadier Ghazi Kanaan, told repor-

ters after meeting Mr. Karami at

Asked if he tried to make the

veteran prime minister change his

mind, Brig. Kanaan said: "We

tried... hnt I saw he was deter-

mined to resign because he faced

President Amin Gemavel has

yet to respond finally to Mr.

Karami's announcement on Mon-

day that he was stepping down because rival Christian and Mus-

lim leaders had blocked attempts

to end Lehanon's 12-year-old

civil war and because of his

cabinet failure to resolve the

country's economic crisis.

"We were surprised by the

Syrian official said.

his west Beirnt home.

a dead end."

The King crincised the U.S. for its failure to support Jordan's efforts for peace and said the Reagan administration suffers from a "serious question of credibility after the Iran arms sales." "We are waiting to see

Washington's attitude and Israel's attitude" on the proposed international conference, the King said. "I don't believe there can be negotiations (hetween Jordan and Israel) — and I've made place under an international con-

Following are major excerpts peace conference - as the leader

Algerian-Moroccan communique

The brief communique, issued

after four hours of talks held in a

tent, was the first joint statement

by the two countries in over 11

years and this alone represented

an important political achieve-

They said the meeting had

basis for a political dialogue and

signalled a "pragmatic approach"

to the long-standing Western

Sahara dispute and other prob-

lems such as achievement of

Officials in King Hassan's en-

North African unity.

Syria fails to persuade Karami

Rabat and Algiers agreed to tourage expressed cautious

pursue meetings between the optimism about the ultimate out-

ment, palace sources said.

two hrotherly countries to resolve come, saying a normalisation of problems in abeyance," a joint relations could be a long process

Algiers and Rabat agree to

dialogue but face long way

from the Boston Globe report of

The King attributed the reports of a Jordan-Israel agreement to 'an inter-Israeli debate" over the wisdom of an international peace conference and expressed disappointment that the United initiative.

"Israel is not a cohesive country," he said. "There is a very dangerous, short-sighted element, and there is a very reasonable element. It's a choice for Washington, and they may have heen encouraging the wrong

King Hussein said that contrary to reports in the Israeli press, he had never met privately with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres nor agreed to any direct negotiations, as Mr. Peres has this very clear - unless it takes claimed. But it was clear that he considered Mr. Peres — who is also pushing for an international

requiring re-establishment of

They discounted a rapid res-

toration of diplomatic relations

which were broken off in 1976

when Algeria recognised the

Sabaran Arah Democratic Re-

public, the political arm of the

Algeria met twice Monday and

King Fahd was present at both

meetings in the border village of

Zouj Bghal a few kilometres from

Oujda. King Fahd arrived with Presi-

dent Benjedid from Algiers and

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King Hassan II of Morocco and

Polisario guerrilla movement.

mutual confidence.

of the "reasonable element" in Israel, and he said he hoped someday to meet with him in negotianons.

But he ruled out direct talks as "partial solution" which could not take place until the Palestinian question was settled. Mr. States had failed to encourage his Peres has so far been unable to get the coalition government headed by right-wing Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to agree to attend an international conference. The U.S. has not yet given its unequivocal support to the conference either.

Although Mr. Peres has talked of an international conference which spawns hilateral negotiations between Israel and other Arah states, King Hussein said the success of a conference was contigent upon a "dialogue" between the five permanent mem-bers of the U.N. Security Council which would decide upon

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Peres and Shamir postpone debate

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres on Tuesday postponed a debate on a Middle East peace conference that is threatening to topple their coalition govern-

The two leaders, hitterly divided over peace moves, agreed in a 50-minute meeting to put off until Monday the disucssion that had been set for Wednesday in the 10-member inner cabinet.

Labour Party Chairman Peres has proposed that Israel join a U.N.-convened conference on Middle East peace and threatened to pull out of the government if right-wing Likud hloc leader Shamir continues to oppose international spon-

Mr. Peres said later he hoped the inner cabinet would vote on the peace conference at the end of Monday's session.

"I would want a vote. We will see how it develops. It's an open discussion," he told reporters. Asked if Israelis should expect early elections over the Labour-Likud row, Mr. Peres replied: "I hope we can expect a process of peace."

A Shamir aide said the premier honed he could defuse the tensions with Mr. Peres by holding a debate, but said he was confident the inner cabinet would reject the proposal.

On Monday, Mr. Peres referred to a statement Sunday by Jordanian Prime Minister Zaid Rifai who said Jordan would insist on inviting the Palestine Liberation Organisation to an international conference.

Mr. Peres said Monday that the Jordanian statement "of farreaching importance and has created a golden opportunity to advance the peace process in the

"There is progress and changes in positions and we are not allowed to miss this opportunity," Mr. Peres was quoted as saying by the Itim news agency. Spokesman for Mr. Peres and Mr. Shamir told the Israeli leaders would never negotiate with the PLO or meet with its chair-

man, Yasser Arafat. The statements came in response to an offer by Mr. Arafat on Monday to meet with any Israeli leader under U.N. auspices to discuss setting up a

Likud ministers, meanwhile, staged a rally in the Jewish settlement of Ariel in the occupied West Bank and reiterated their opposition to the peace confer-

Palestinian-Israeli state.

Also on the West Bank, more than 5,000 Jewish settlers and their supporters marched through Jericho and demanded Jewish settlement rights throughout the

King meets Egyptian premier

King Hussein on Tuesday re-ceived at Al Nadwa Palace Egyp-nan Prime Minister Atef Sedki and a high-level delegation accompanying him and reviewed with them the latest developments in the Middle East and efforts for peace in the region.

During the audience, which was attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the King discussed with Mr. Sedki political coordination between Jordan and Egypt and reaffirmed

peace could be achieved only through that an international conference under U.N. auspices and attended by all parties involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict and the five permanent members of the Security Council, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said.

The two sides also discussed bilateral relations and Jordanian and Egyptian views were identical on all issues related to hilateral cooperation in trade, energy, transport, industry, culture and

The meeting, which followed an iftar hosted by the King, was attended by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, and several Cahinet members.

Dr. Sedki and the Egyptian delegation are here to attend meetings of the Joint Jordanian-Egyptian Higher Committee (See



His Majesty King Hussein on Tuesday receives an Egyptian delegation headed by Prime Minister Atef Sedki in a meeting attended by His Royal Highness

Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and other senior officials (Petra photo)

Jordanian-Egyptian Higher Committee opens meeting

mittee opened its sixth meeting in Amman on Tuesday with Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and his Egyptian counterpart Atef Sedki expressing hope that the meetings would mark another constructive step towards achieving the two countries' aspirations.

Mr. Rifai said he hoped that through further coordination of adopted an agenda for the session efforts the two countries would and discussed economic issues

Jordanian and Egyptian people.

Mr. Rifai and Dr. Sedki are co-chairing the three-day meetings which will review joint projects in agriculture, industry, telecommunications, tourism, transport, information and trade.

The committee, which is meetarrive at greater cooperation and Dr. Sedki expressed hope that lishing a Jordanian Egyptian in-

AMMAN (Petra) — The Joint the meeting would further boost vestment and development com-joint endeavours to benefit the pany. Also discussed was increasing

the volume of bilateral trade removing all obstacles that impede the implementation of a protocol signed in 1987. The committee reviewed

Jordanian-Egyptian cooperation in industry and agriculture and ing at the Prime Ministry, the exchange of expertise in these fields and also aspects of conperation in planning, oil, mining.

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Assad meets Habash in Damascus; Libya allows PLO to reopen offices

DAMASCUS (AP) — President Hafez Al Assad on Tuesday met ary-general of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, It Palestinian leader George Habash, who returned to Damascus after a reconciliation with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat that reportedly dismayed

Palestinian and Syrian sources, speaking to AP on condition they not be identified further, said Dr. Habash "is carrying a full man-date from the new PLO Executive Committee to discuss Palestinian-Serian relations with the Syrian ' adership."

State-run Damascus Radio reported the meeting between Mr. Assad and Dr. Habash, secret-

gave no details on the talks. The sources said Dr. Habash arrived in Damascus Monday night coming from Algiers, where the Palestine National Council (PNC) convened late last month.

In the Algiers meeting, a new executive committee was elected. and the organisation reunified its ranks under Mr. Arafat after four years of divisions.

Although Syria has remained

officially silent on the PLO reconciliation, it was reportedly dismayed with the participation of Dr. Hahash and Nayef Hawatmeh, leader of the Democratic

ocuvres and bargaining."

Focus shifts to long-range weapons in Geneva talks

GENEVA (R) - U.S. and Soviet arms negotiators resumed talks on Tuesday aimed at controlling space weapons and cutting their strategic long-range nuclear arsenals. Chief Soviet arms negotiator

Yuly Vorontsov greeted the chief American negotiator, Max Kampelman, at the Soviet diplomatic compound in Geneva for a working hunch in the eighth round of talks since March 1985. U.S. President Ronald Reagan said Monday night the Americans

would soon present a draft treaty calling for 50 per cent cuts in long-range nuclear missiles.
"I am firmly convinced that a START (strategic arms reduction

talks) agreement is within our grasp, even this year, if the Soviets are prepared to resolve the remaining outstanding issues," he said. The Soviet news agency TASS

reacted quickly, saying the proposals outlined by Mr. Reagan ruled out a strategic weapons agreement between the super-

When asked to comment, Mr. Kampelman told reporters: "I'm surprised they can say anything about a draft treaty they haven't

Mr. Kampelman, who also heads the U.S. team negotiating on space and defence weapons, was accompanied by Ronald Lehman, who leads the U.S. team on long-range nuclear weapons and who will present the American draft treaty during this round.
Maynard Glitman, who leads

the U.S team negotiating on medium and shorter-range nuclear missiles, also attended the lunch. His group resumed its work on April 23. The medium-range talks.

which include "Euromissiles," have held out the greatest promise for an accord and both sides have presented draft treaties this усаг.

They have been trying to forge a joint draft treaty from the rival proposals on the 1,000 to 5,000 kilometres medium-range missiles and 500 to 1,000 kilometres shorter-range missiles.

But Mr. Reagan and Mr. Kampelman made clear in statements on Monday that Washington would seek to push its longstanding priority of deep cuts in strategic nuclear weapons.

The U.S. draft was based on the American perception of October's Reykjavik summit. | to heal the rift with Cairo.

Assad praises **PNC** meeting DAMASCUS (R) - Syrian Presi-

dent Hafez Al Assad said Tuesday last month's meeting of the PNC was a positive step. Palestinian sources said he was

speaking to George Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), who attended the PNC session in They quoted Mr. Assad as

saying the outcome of the meet-

ing, which was boycotted by four Syrian-backed factions, "constitutes a positive step which ought to be completed through the incluon of the rest of the groups." The Syrian News Agency

(SANA) said Mr. Assad asserted Syria's "continued backing for efforts to achieve Palestinian unity on a basis hostile to imperialism and Zionism and far from man-

Kuwait seeks Egypt-PLO reconciliation KUWAIT (R) — Foreign Minis-

ter Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah said Tuesday Kuwait was trying to mend relations between Egypt and the Palestine Liberanon Organisation (PLO). He was speaking after Foreign

Ministry Under-Secretary Suleiman Majeed Al Shaheen returned from Cairo where he delivered a message to Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmad Esmat Abdul Meguid.

"The message concentrated on ending the tension between the PLO and Egypt," Sheikh Sabah told reporters.

Kuwait, current chairman of the 46-member Organisation of Islamic Conference, sought to

"remove any dispute between Islamic countries," he said. He said he hoped Egypt would understand why the Palestine National Council last month attacked Cairo's ties with Israel. Egyptian President Hosni Mubar-

ak responded by closing PLO

offices in Cairo. PLO leader Yasser Arafat. who left Kuwait on Monday night for Qatar on a tour to brief Gulf leaders on the PNC, said he had agreements reached during last sought the help of Arab leaders

portedly helping Bonn

Nicaragua. Retired air force Major General Richard Secord, the first witness at public congressional hearings on the affair, said his actions throughout the secret operation had been approved by the administration and that he was proud

of his role.

He said he felt betrayed. Gen. Richard Secord, breaking months of silence, told the nationally televised hearing that he and other private individuals he recruited for the effort "believed very much in the signifi-

We all hope that in the end the nation's conscience... will awake and save Lehanon on the basis of justice, freedom and

the dictates of the national in-

terest and constitutional tradi-

tions," Mr. Gemayel said in a

Local radio stations said Mr. Gemayel was consulting Christ-ian politicians before deciding

whether to accept Mr. Karami's resignation, which he has not received in writing.

Mr. Karami said his decision was prompted by criticism from Druze, Christian and Muslim

leaders and by frustration at the failure of his three-year-old 'national unity" cahinet to solve Lebanon's political, social and economic problems.

The premier tried his best to get the calimet to meet to ease the economic crisis and the people's worsening living conditions. But he had no cooperation and

office Tuesday. But aides said he held a 30-minute meeting at his west Beirut home with presidential adviser Mohammad Shkeir. Details of the discussion were not disclosed.

Presidential sources quoted by AP said Mr. Karami's "insistence on refusing to submit a written resignation might force the president to dismiss him." There is no

The resignation was welcomed by right-wing Christians, at odds with Syria.

"We welcome Karami's resigntion and call for the formation of a new cabinet," an unnamed official of the Lebanese Forces, the nation's largest Christian militia. told Beirut's independent An

Mr. Chamoun, a former president and the most prestigious Christian statesman, said he expected a new cahinet to be formed "as soon as possible."

Gen. Secord told the hearings

Gen. Secord said that in mid-1984 and again in late 1985, the administration - initially through Lieutenant Colonel North - had asked him for assist-

"In these undertakings I coordinated my efforts with various government officials, and I asked other men to assist me in their private capacity," he said.

to withdraw his resignation

Mr. Karami did not go to his

precedent for such action.

Nahar newspaper.

"I will resolve the new governmental situation according to people's sake," Brig. Kanaan Secord says Reagan abandoned him

cance of what we were doing and WASHINGTON (Agencies) that our conduct was in further-A key figure in the Iran arms ance of the president's policies." scandal on Tuesday accused the Gen. Secord has been identi-Reagan administration of abandoning those implicated in the fied hy congressional investigaaffair and gave the first public tors as playing a key role in both accounting of funds secretly funthe secret sale of weapons to Iran - which President Ronald neiled to U.S.-backed rebels in Reagan authorised - and the diversion of part of the arms sale

> Mr. Reagan has said he knew nothing of the contra supplies. In a brief opening statement, Gen. Secord said his involvement in the Iran-contra affair came at the request of Oliver North, a former National Security Council

proceeds to the contra rebels.

Gen. Second testified under oath at the afternoon session of the opening day of the hearings. The investigative sessions began as a key lawmaker bluntly challenged White House claims that Mr. Reagan was unaware his aides were soliciting funds for the contras-

in the ornate Senate caucus room - scene of the investigation into the Watergate scandal that helped ruin President Richard Nixon 13 years ago — that "... I am now prepared to explain to all of you and to the American public precisely what I did."

ance on the Iran initiative.

Ex-Iranian official reportedly helping Bonn to free hostages

FRANKFURT, West Germany (AP) — A former Iranian deputy prime minister, sentenced in absentia in West Germany for drug smuggling, is acting as a middleman to help win the release of two West Germans kidnapped in Lebanon, a television station

The RTL Plus television station said the Bonn government had told the Iranian, Sadegh Tabatabai, that if his efforts helped get the hostages freed, West Germany would strike his drug conviction from the books.

Mr. Tabatabai, 43, is related by marriage to Iran's Islamic Revulutionary leader, Ayatollah Rubollah Khomeini, and is a former deputy prime minister in his

In March 1983, a Duesseldorf court convicted Mr. Tabatabai of carrying 1.7 kilogrammes of raw opium into West Germany and sentenced him in absentia to three years imprisonment.

Mr. Tabatabai slipped out of the country on a night flight to

due to appear in court for the

Authorities said the opium was found in Mr. Tabatabai's suitcase when he disembarked in Duesseldorf from a flight that originated in Tehran. Iran said he was a "special envoy on a secret mis-sion" and requested diplomatic immunity for Mr. Tabatabai.

The Duesseldorf court rejected a Bonn Foreign Ministry request that Mr. Tabatabai be deported to avoid a diplomatic row with

RTL Plus, without citing sources, said Mr. Tabatabai was acting as a middleman between the Bonn government and the

Tehran just hours before he was

A Foreign Ministry spokesman refused comment on the RTL report. The West German government has maintained a strict news blackout on the hostage affair and negotiations related to

Lebanese Shi'ite Muslim kidnap-

pers of Rudolf Cordes and Alfred

Schmidt, who were abducted in

The German-language RTL Plus is based in neighbouring Luxembourg and broadcasts by cable to West Germany.

The station also said the Bonn government was considering puting on trial Mohammad Ali Hamadi, a Lebanese wanted in the United States in connection with the 1985 hijacking of a TWA plane to Beirut. A U.S. navy diver was killed during the hi-

Hamadi was arrested at Frankfurt Airport on Jan. 13 and his arrest precipitated the kidnappings of the two West Germans in

RTL Plus said the Bonn gov-

PORT VILA (R) — Vanuatu

said Tuesday that any attempt to

raise the question of its links with

Libya at the South Pacific Forum

meeting later this month would

signal the end of the 13-member

regional grouping.
Prime Minister Walter Lini

said in a statement that Australia

and New Zealand were trying to

use Vanuatu's diplomatic and

trade ties with Tripoli to isolate

and destabilise the island state.

The South Pacific Forum sum-

mit meeting during the last week

of this month had no mandate to

discuss domestic policies of mem-

ber states, including Vanuatu's Libyan connection, Mr. Lini said. "If this were allowed to happen

then it would signal the end of the forum itself," said Mr. Lini, who

is recovering from a crippling

stroke suffered earlier this year.

Australian Foreign Minister Bill Hayden and New Zealand

Prime Minister David Lange

Vanuatu warns against

meddling with Libyan links

on the explosives charge for which he ws arrested, as well as for alleged participation in the

TWA hijacking.
The United States requested Hamadi's extradition in late

Bonn officials initially said Hamadi would be quickly extra-dited to the United States. But the process stalled after the two West Germans were kidnapped later in January in retaliation for

West Germany later also arrested Hamadi's brother on suspicion of involvement in the abduction of the two West Ger-

Previous published reports in West Germany have said Hamadi would likely go on trial here instead of being extradited because officials feared handing him over to the United States would prompt the kidnappers to kill the

The government has refused

week after expressing concern

over Libya's efforts to woo

Vanuatu through financial and

Australian officials said the Li-

byan issue was expected to be

raised at the forum meeting as it

affected the security of the whole

region, which has long remained

Mr. Lini said his government

"Vanuatu will continue to

maintain a non-aligned and inde-

pendent foreign policy in the South Pacific," he added.

British-French territory known as

the New Hebrides, was also com-

mitted to help "colonised people

in the South Pacific to regain their

freedom and independence" but

would not support revolution.

He said Vanuatu, a former

rejected attempts to force his small country to follow the West-

under the Western umbrella.

Iran foils hijack attempt

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) -Security guards foiled the hijacking of an Iranian jettimer by "agents of world arrogance and Zionist mercenaries," Tehran Recio reported Tuesday.

The radio, monitored in Nicosia, said the Iran Air plane was on a flight from the southern city of Shiraz to the capital Tehran Monday evening when the hijack attempt took place.

passengers or crew were hurt. ing. It gave no further details.

It did not say how many persons were involved in the attempted hijacking. It said they were trying to undermine Iranian victories in the 6 and a half year war

with Iraq. Earlier, Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) said a man "suffering from mental disorder" had tried to hijack

the plane on Tuesday.

IRNA quoted an "informed It said the world-be hijackers source" as ruling out political were arrested and none of the motives for the attempted hijack-

Court increases sentence on Italian ship hijacker

appeal court has sentenced a Lebanese youth to 17 years in jail for his part in the 1985 hijacking of the Achille Lauro craise ship, increasing his original sentence by nine months, court officials

They said the javenile appeal court accepted a prosecution demand that Bassam Al Ashker, now 18, already found guilty of hijacking, illegal possession of weapons and complicity in the killing of U.S. passenger should

GENOA, Italy (R) - An Italian be sentenced for belonging to an

11 other men guilty of involve-ment in the hijacking, including Palestine Liberation Front leader Aba Abbas who was sentenced in absentia to life imprisonment.

original aim was to carry out a suicide attack in the Israeli port of Ashdod but they were disco-vered hiding aboard the ship half-way through the voyage.

Khashoggi's home raided in search for Marcos arts

The hijackers have said their

Khashoggi in a fruitless search for art treasures from former Philippine President Ferdinand Mar-

sion seeking to recover Marcos's opened later."

MANILA (R) — French police alleged wealth from hideouts around the world, said police raided Mr. Khashoggi's apartraided Mr. Khashoggi's apartment on April 30 at the request of the Philippine government. Bautista, a member of the Phi-

cos's collection, an official said
bere Tuesday.

Mary Concepcion Bautista, a
member of an official commismember of an official commismember of an official commis-

Last July a Genoa court found

France chides Australia over Libyan accusation PEKING (R) - French Foreign and Development) but not if the

chided his Australian counterpart tions for talks. Tuesday over accusations that French policy in the South Pacific allowed Libya to boost its influence in the region.

Replying to questions at a news conference, Mr. Raimond said comments by Australian Foreign Minister Bill Hayden were "not a good preparation for a useful

WHAT'S GOING ON

Minister Jean-Bernard Raimond Australians maintained precondi-

Mr. Hayden said last week Libya was able to meddle in the affairs of Pacific territories because France's decolonisation and nuclear testing policies stirred opposition in the region.

Mr. Raimond said France followed a clear policy in the Pacific good preparation for a useful conversation" between them.

Mr. Raimond said he would be glad to see Mr. Hayden in Paris when he is there shortly for a meeting of the OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation independence in New Caledonia.

Jowed a clear policy in the Pacific of boosting economic aid, conduction to rai of boosting economic aid of boosting economic aid of boosting economic aid of boosting economic

Qadhafi: Libya sold arms to Nicaragua

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Libya has supplied money and arms to Nicaragua and is considering seeking an alliance with the Soviet Union against the United States, Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi was quoted as saying in Monday's El Nacional

In an April 28 interview in Tripoli with Venezuelan journalist Alfredo Pena, Col. Qadhafi blamed what he called the "stupid policy" of President Ronald Reagan's administration for

pushing Nicaragua to the left.
"The (Sandinista) government
is already Marxist. And that is the fault of the United States of America for pushing Nicaragua to adopt this way," the newspap-

er quoted him as saving.
"If they (U.S. officials) would leave Nicaragua to follow its own path, without interferences, that country would arrive at Jamahiriyah (Qadhafi's doctrine of popular socialism), a system really not aligned with any bloc," he added in the interview.

Asked if Libya had provided Nicaragua with arms and funds, Col. Qadhafi replied, "yes, of course." He did not elaborate.

He also said he no longer believed in the Non-Aligned Movement and warned that his country could look to a military alliance with the Soviet Union to protect itself against the Reagan administration's "goal of colonising the entire Arab Nation... and Malta, Cypras, African and Asian coun-

"Non-alignment no longer makes sense. The world is divided into two sides: Imperialism and anti-imperialism," Col. Qadhafi said. "We are the target of military aggression of one of the superpowers (the U.S.). Faced with these alliances, we feel forced to seek allies Col. Qadhafi also denied his

country was involved in international terrorism, which he blamed on Palestinians. He said the United States "has no evidence" when it accuses him of being the mastermind behind terrorist acts ail over the world. "Others have carried out these

acts. It was the Palestinians. The Palestinians are free to fight in their own way against the Zionists," the newspaper quoted him

as saying.
Instead of putting a stop to Libya last year has "duplicated acts of vengeance," he said. Col. Qadhafi also said he was

unhappy with the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' (OPEC) policy because the cartel hasn't gone far enough in limiting production to raise oil prices. "I am not satisfied with its policy. We should stop exports and lower production even more... it is necessary to preserve our oil and sell it at a higher

Israeli police detain journalist for speaking with young soldier

TEL AVIV (R) - Israeli police mediately to the government detained the correspondent of the Times of London newspaper, Ian Murray, for three hours Tuesday

after he interviewed a soldier. Murray said a police sergeant in uniform picked him up in a cafe near Jerusalem's central bus station and took him to police headquarters, where he was told soldiers were not allowed to speak to the press.

"I was very surprised to be stopped in the middle of a very innocent conversation which had nothing to do with Israeli security," Murray told Renters. I was talking to a young Israeli

who by nature of things is a soldier for the moment, but I was talking to him as a young Israeli and not as a soldier," he said. The Foreign Press Association (FPA) in Israel protested im-

press office. The FPA said if the army did not want soldiers talking to reporters, it was a matter between the military authorities and soldiers - not cause for arresting journalists.

Government officials told the FPA police believed security matters were involved and they had every right to detain the British correspondent, an FPA spokesman said.

Murray said he had interviewed a broad spectrum of 20year-old Israelis and Palestinians for an article marking next month's 20th anniversary of the 1967 Middle East war. Most 20year-old Israelis are doing milit-.

He said he was told by military investigator called in by police that the soldier would face "He told me he was a patriotic. Israeli who would fight for Israel, that this was his country and he identified with it although his mother is Swedish and he is not

dassified as a Jew," Murray said. "He was telling me this sort of thing and suddenly finds himself arrested for doing someth undermining Israeli security. This strikes me as astonishing. Murray said be did not know

how or why he had been singled out for interviewing a soldier." Military censors routinely tap the telephones of foreign reporters and news agencies.

Foreign journalists often talk with Israeli troops in the course of their duties and this was the first case in recent memory of a reporter being detained for interviewing a soldier.

Demjanjuk's lawyer Israelis reopen embassy in the war crimes trial of John building Demjanjuk accused a prosecution witness Tuesday of using 'special Hollywood effects" to in Warsaw

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Israeli officials on Tuesday officially reopened their former embassy building in Warsaw, which had been closed to the public for almost 20 years after Poland broke relations with Israel following the 1967 Mideast war. Israeli diplomats have been working in Warsaw since last

September following an agreement between Poland and Israel to set up interest sections in each other's capitals, the lowest level of diplomatic relations. The official reopening of the Israeli embassy building had been

delayed until workers could install security devices and renovate the premises.

The building had housed the Israeli embassy from 1948 until it was closed after the 1967 Middle East war when Poland joined other Soviet-Bloc countries except Romania - in breaking diplomatic relations with Israel. criticises prosecution TEL AVIV (AP) - The defence on the so-called Trawniki card. "The probability that there could be two individuals with so

back her testimony that a photograph of the defendant appears. on a Nazi identity card. Defence Attorney Mark O'Connor was referring to a video which superimposed the picture onto images of Demjan-juk taken in 1986 at Israel's max-

imum security Ayalon Prison. Patricia Smith, a physical anthropologist from London, made the video to show similarities between Demjanjuk's skull, nose, forehead and other features and that of Nazi guard pictured

Evren postpones U.S. visit

ANKARA (R) — Turkish Presi-A statement said Ankara had

many similarities is for all intents and purposes zero," she said. She is the fifth witness to testify mjanjuk was trained to be a Nazi

that the identity card proves Deguard at Trawniki, a training centre for prisoners-of-war in Nazioccupied Poland.

In a lengthy objection They day, Mr. O'Connor called on the court to disqualify the video-claiming it was produced by "trick montage." Allowing it into evidence, he said, amounted to setting up the court as a movie

dent Kenan Evren, his country angered over proposed cuts in American aid, has postponed a planned visit to the United States, the Foreign Ministry has.

suggested to Washington that the trip, originally scheduled for May 26-29, should now take place in

Gen. Evren had replied to a formal invitation from President Reagan saying that current domestic issues, including propwould not permit him to leave the

Ankara has been increasingly at a disturbed by proposals in the U.S. Congress to cut aid to Turkey next year from \$913 to \$369.

OIC plans conference on terrorism JEDDAH, Sandi Arabia (AP) - law and responses to terrorism.

The 46-member Organisation of he said. Islamic Conference (OIC) is Prof. Cecil Olmstead. chairterrorism, as the Reagan adminis-tration claims, the U.S. raid on for a conference on international the International Law Associaterrorism next month, an OIC official has reported.

The official of the Jeddahbased OIC said 35 experts from Commission in the Soviet Union, several countries, including the are among experts who have said United States and the Soviet Union, will take part.

The conference will discuss the terrorism phenomenon including

defining terrorism, individual, defining terrorism, individual, assistant secretary-general of the group and state terrorism and its Arab League; Hisham Kahale, causes, said the official. He spoke director at Syria's Foreign Affairs on condition he was not named.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS * An art exhibition by Ahmad Na'wash at the French Cultural Certre (until May 6)

An art exhibition by Samer Obeidat and Issam Al Sabah at the Housing Bank Gallery.

* An exhibition of oil paintings by Soviet artist Mikhail Aghnesian at Yar-moult University is Irbid (outil May 6).

 An exhibition of Arab heritage by Arab and foreign students at the University of Jordan. **CULTURAL CENTRES**

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"Children's Heritage and Science Museum." Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.

Folkiore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th contraires). The Roman Theatre, American, American, American, American, and Science Museum: centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qul'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islantic enturies). The Roman The

artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Mustazah, Jahal Lirweibdeh. Opening kours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128.

Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, America. Opening hours 9.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Ammun Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Honday Inn. 1:30 p.m.
Lious Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00 p.m. Royal Astomobile Club. Jabel Am-man, Eighth Circle. Tel. 816534,

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Asman International Church (Interdenominational): meets at Southern
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trol; Indian Judge P.N. Bhagwan; and Pakistani Judge Javed lobal common were also expected to attend

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Jordan committed to principles of Feb. 11 accord, Masri says

AMMAN Foreign Minister
Taher Al Mastr has expressed the
view that both Jordan and the Palestine Laberation Organisation (PLO) remain committed to the principles of the 1985 Feb. 11 accord signed by the two sides in Amman despite the PLO's recent abrogation of the accord.

He said that Jordan is committed to the accord's principles, which are: restoration of the Palestinian people's rights in their homeland, holding an interna-tional Middle East peace conference, a confederal state, and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian stand.

"If the PLO and Jordan remain committed to these principles and objectives. I do not believe there will be any obstacles in the peace process," Mr. Masri stated in an interview conducted late last month with the London-based Arabic language magazine. Al Tadamon.

"I am convinced that the Palestinian leadership is also committed to peace, like Jordan, and for this reason, I do not believe that the PLO's abrogation of the Feb. 11 accord will affect both sides' efforts, or those of other Arab parties, towards conveoing the proposed cooference," the foreign minister told his interviewer. Khaled Mahaddin. At Tadamon's chief correspondent in Amman.

Mr. Masri said both sides seem to be taking pains not to consider. the abrogation move as reason for relations between the two sides to deteriorate. The two sides favont maintaining dia-

He said that he believed both sides should meet and coordinate their positions because this is an essential factor for airiving at a settlement, whether the international conference is held or not, or whether it achieves any success

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Mr. Masri said that there are cang is primarily two parties to the international conference, the Arabs and the Israelis. In additioo, he said, the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council must all be present to take part in the negotiation pro-

> The United States and Israel continue to maintain that the Palestinians must not be allowed to attend as an independent delegation, Mr. Masri charged. In addition, Israel refuses the idea of an independent Palestinian

state, Mr. Masri said. 'Israei canoot impose any terms on the Arabs and, likewise, I cannot impose on Israel any to Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, the terms which will make it refuse to attend the conference."

U.S. opposition

المناه المراجع المساعولية Asked about the United States' position on the international conference, Mr. Masri said; "Ever since the start of the Reagan presidency in the United States, Washington has been refusing the idea of the international confer-

foreign policy and economics.

occupied Arab territories.

chief-of-staff for intelligence.

two senior bank officials.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kilani invited to present conference paper

AMMAN (Petra) — Director of Press and Publication Department Mousa Kilani has received an invitation by the Centre for

Middle Eastern Studies in London to contribute a paper on

Jordan's regional relations and foreign policy. The centre is sponsoring a conference on Jordan to be held in London on May 19, 1987. The conference is supervised by the University of London and is jointly convened by staff of the school, of the

University of Jordan and of the University of Durham. The

conference will also include sessions on Egyptian and Syrian

AMMAN (Petra) - Director of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Amman Mrs. Elisabeth Knecht met here Tuesday with Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin They discussed Israel's violations of human rights in the

AMMAN (Petra) - Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker met at the general army headquarters in Amman Tuesday with Lt. Gen. William Callaghan, commander

of the United Nations Emergency Forces (UNEF) now on a visit

to Jordan. The meeting was attended by the assistant army

Central Bank head returns from Baghdad

AMMAN (Petra) — Governor of the Ceotral Bank of Jordan,

Hussein Al Qasem, returned to Amman from Baghdad Monday evening at the end of a visit during which he held talks with Mr. Hikmat Al Azzawi, governor of the Iraqi central bank, and other officials. The discussions, he said, dealt with financial relations

between the central banks in the two countries. Mr. Qasem described the talks as fruitful. He was accompanied oo the visit by

Greater Amman Council holds meeting

roads. The meeting was held following the iftar dinner.

Dudin holds talks with Red Cross

Gen. Shaker meets with UNEF chief



Taher Al Masri

U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar sent queries to the members of the Security Council, and al the parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict, about their views on an international conference. The United States rejected

Afterwards, Mr. Masri continued the U.N. secretary general's efforts stalled due to U.S. opposition. Gradually, however, the U.S. stand began to change.

"This change came about thanks to the efforts of His Majesty King Hussein on the international scene, in the United

The 1985 Feh. 11 accord signed by Jordan and the PLO in Amman opened np new avenues for a settlement, he explained. Then, the U.S. administration reconsidered its previous rejection of the idea of an international confer-

U.S. officials began proposing ideas for a conference, but maintained their position on the need for direct talks hetween the Arabs and the Israelis, because the U.S. had sought to keep the Soviet Union out of the Middle East area, Mr. Masri argued.

"In our view the U.S. has sought to have an American solu-tion for the Arab-Israeli con-

Following a visit to Washington by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, the U.S. began to signal its acceptance of an international conference These signals, Mr. Masri
commented, were picked up hy
Jordan in talks Mr. Rifai held
the U.S. officials, and with
members of the Security Council.

"Washingtoo began to change its slogan from holding direct negotiations to holding bilateral progress achieved from the visit was not enough to enable the conference to convene and so we are awaiting further develop-

What is more important is the fact that the subject of the conference has become an issue for regional and international blocs which see in it a real chance for promoting the cause of peace in the Middle East, the foreign minister said. Jordan is not alone In 1984, Mr. Masri related, in the arena seeking to convene a

now sought by the Non-Aligned Movement and the European, Economic Community."

"As I said before, if the first

session of the proposed conference does not take place during 1987, I cannot predict when it will be held in the future," Mr. Masri added. "This year offers a good chance for holding the conference and I believe subsequent developments in Israel and the United States, and also in the Palestinian and Arab side, could change the situation. I do not want to appear pessimistic but the circumstances available at present offer a better chance for holding the conference."

Not a nanacea

The minister said: "There is much talk now about the convening of the international conference. Some people see the conference as a panacea for all the ills and problems now plaguing the Middle East region, especially the Palestine problem.

"In my view, it is easy to convene such a conference. The difficulty lies with the negoontions and the deliberations themselves. The Arabs and the Israelis are deeply divided in views and interests; the negotiations wil be long and hard and could falter at any time. All that I can say is that Jordan has the intention of pursuing a genuine solution in the conference, until we achieve a total Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab lands, and the restoration of the Palesonian people's rights to their homeland. No Arab official can paint a hright image of the negotiations inside the conference hall and no one should expect speedy re-

Alternatives to conference

Asked about alternatives in case the conference was oot held, Mr. Masri said: "The other alternative in my view would be joint Arab action, Had there beeo such action, the Palestinians would not have had to wait for so long to regain their rights, and Arah lands would not have remained under Israeli occupation for 20 years. The Arabs should seek alterna-

oves if the conference fail to convene or shoold it fail to achieve results. One of these alternatives should be strengthening the Palestinian-Jordanian re-

Referring to the prospect of an Arah summit meeting, Mr. Masri said: "We have been talking about such a summit for the past three years, but I believe that the idea of a summit has been postponed indefinitely."

He disclosed that King Hussein has received invitations to visit the United States and the Soviet Union, but no date has been fixed for either one. "The King," Mr. Masri said, "would be keen to respond to the Soviet iovitation as early as possible."

Amman mayor opens GUVS charity market

AMMAN (Petra) — Greater Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh Tuesday opened a charity market on Jabal Hussein organised by the General Union

of Voluntary Societies (GUVS). The market offers a variety of commodities at reasonable prices. The proceeds will benefit needy people, according to a GUVS spokesman. He said that the "one piaster a day charity project," set up by GUVS, is handling this market for the sake of raising money to finance the education and necessities for poor people. The project, begun in 1985, now offers financial assistance to 200 students at the Jordanian universities, the spokesman added.

Mail applications to be accepted for Mu'ta University

AMMAN (Petra) - Post offices around the Kingdom will begin receiving applications Saturday from students wishing to enroll at the military wing of Mo'ta University, according to Ministry of Communications Under Secretary Mansour Ibn Tarif.

He said that the process will continue until Monday May 18 when no more applications will be accepted.

Post offices in Jordan have over the past years accepted applications to Jordanian oniversities and forwarded them for processing to the appropriate univer-

Mr. Ibn Tarif said that the process has been successful largely due to coordination of efforts between post offices and universi-



SPRING FESTIVITIES: Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Tuesday attended the Annual Spring Festival organised by the Ahlieb School for Girls in Amman. The festival, held at the Royal Cultural Centre, included folklore performances, national songs and dancing, in which the students took part. The festival Was attended by Anglican Bishop Elia Khouri and an audience of

Dairy symposium urges support of local produce

AMMAN (Petra) — A one day symposium on the dairy industry in Jordan ended at the University of Jordan's Faculty of Agriculture with the participants calling for, among other things, measures to support local dairy products and a reduction of imports of similar

The delegates from Jordanian universities, the Ministries of Agriculture and Health, and the private sector's dairy farms, said that measures should be introduced whereby imports of lean meal and dairy products should be drastically curtailed, and that local dairy farms should be supported and encouraged.

The participants called for the establishment of cooperatives among stock hreeders to increase their productive capacity.

They called for the establishment of a department for the dairy industry in Jordan, con-

The symposium participants said that the specifications and regulations governing the processing of dairy products should be reviewed to give the industry a greater incenove to produce and market products.

They said that sheep and cattle farms ought to be provided with sufficient water supplies and veterinary services to facilitate their work. They also called on dairy farmers to double their efforts to improve the quality of milk, and its products, to ensure enhanced profits.

The participants called on the authorioes to provide public information on the storage and consumption of dairy products.

They also called for the implementation of a regional programme for combating diseases affecting farm animals, especially Malta Fever, so that different counsidering its importance as a tries of the region can cooperate source of food supply for the in stemming the disease.

Lexi Haddadin sings of love at RSS on May 7

By Meg Aba Hamdan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN -- One of the highlights of the Royal Theatre Company's most recent productioo, "Oh What a Lovely War!" was Lexi Haddadin singing "Roses of Piccardy." Set in its proper con-text of the First World War, Mrs. Haddadin gave the old and much loved British song received and powerful meaning that deeply moved the audience.

Although "Roses of Piccardy" will not be part of her repertoire, Mrs. Haddadin's heautifully clear voice can be enjoyed again this Thursday, May 7th, at the Royal Cultural Centre, wheo, along with Edie Balbeisi, Vanessa Batrouni, Colin Garland and Kay Mukhar, she will be giving a recital of songs and poetry.

The theme running through the

concert will be one of love, a theme that flows naturally from Mrs. Haddadin's own selection of music. "I chose the songs I wanted to do and we discovered that they were all about the same thing. We then added a few more songs and the poetry to streng-then the idea," Mrs. Haddadin told the Jordan Times.

The music is selected mainly from various operas, including,
'La Boheme,' Der
Fledermaus," "The Old Maid
and the Thief," "Le Nozze di
Figaro," "Norma" and others. As well as these classical pieces, there will be an arrangement of

Sioging with Mrs. Haddadin on some of the numbers is Edie Balbeisi, while the piano accompanimeot will be provided by Vanessa Batrouni. Reading the poetry, which comes from such diverse authors as Shakespeare. Rupert Brooke, Shelley, Khalil Gihran and Robert Herrick, will

be Kay Mukhar and Colin Gar-

land. Mrs. Haddadin, who teaches a the Abdel Hamid Sharaf School, first took voice lessons while at college in her native America. Under the direction of a dynamic teacher who required her students to perform regularly, Mrs. Haddadin took part in many

short operas, recitals and also

sang in the college choir.

Since coming to Jordan, Mrs. Haddadin has given several racit-als at the Haya Arts Centre with Edie Balbeisi. More recently, she has appeared in the Royal Theatre Company's productions of "Oliver!," "Annie," and in Gian Carlo Menotti's opera, "The Medium," in which she gave a powerful and memorable performance. This latest recital should add to the esteem and respect Mrs. Haddadin commands already as a musician and

artist. The concert can be heard in the main auditorium at the Royal Cultural Centre on Thursday May 7th, at 9 p.m. Tickets at JD 2 are available from the box office Greek folk songs, and some show at the RCC. The recital is being tunes from such musicals as sponsored by the Royal Theatre "Showboat" and "West Side Company.

Crown Prince says report on education under review

TAFILEH (Petra) - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan told a meeting of educators and heads of education departments, in Tafileh, south Jordan that the Education Council in the Kingdom has completed a first reading of a general report on Jordan's new educational policy, prepared by a special committee.

there will be meetings soon for Prince Hassan added. groups of specialists from every governorate to discuss this re-

Prince Hassan said that his meeting in Tafileh was part of a series of visits to different governorates, designed to make an assessment of education in Jordan, in preparation for a new comprehensive educational system in the country.

The greatest challenge facing

Jordanian citizens today is building a modern country, in the every sense of that word, Prince Hassan said. He said that His Majesty King Hussein's concern is to develop the educational system of the country in order to provide Jordan with its education needs into the 21st century. This can be done through proper utilisacion of the country's material and intellectual resources, for the

The Crown Prince said that benefit of the new generation,

The Crown Prince expressed his hope that the report, prepared by the committee, and the discussions that will follow, will help draw up a sound educational strategy for Jordan. Such strategy is needed now, he said, to link education with the needs of society, and to teach students practical skills for their whole life.

Prince Hassan called on educators to encourage dialogue among the various sectors of education in Jordan.

He also called on Educators to give more attention to health and hygieoe in schools, and the nutritional needs of children at different stages of development. He said that regular medical checkups should be initiated and proper medical treatment offered to school children.

The Crown Prince announced

be set up to prepare teachers to implement Jordan's new educational system and help the country achieve its developmental aspirations.

He called for rationalising investments in the private education sector and said efforts should be pooled for promoting the edu-

cational process.

Education Minister Thougan Hindawi, who attended the meeting, said his ministry will maintain a policy to provide teachers with on-the-job training to help them improve their efforts.

At the outset of the meeting the acting Tafileh goveroor made a speech in which he said that the governorate has 76 government schools. offering education to 13,000 students and employing 730 teachers.

Following the speeches, a general discussion took place durog which Prince Hassan and Mr. Hindawi replied to questions from the public.

Prince Hassan had earlier toured a number of government schools, and attended classes, and also passed directives to staff



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan chairs a meeting of educators in Tafileh on Tuesday. The meeting was held to discuss the new education

policy being drawn up hy a special committee (Petra photo)

Sculptress to send work to Arab institute in Paris

AMMAN (J.T.) — On the occasion of the establishmeot of the through contributions made hy a Paris-hased Arab World Institute, the Kingdom will donate to dignitaries. Some of the main the organisation a granite sculpture designed and made by Jordanian sculptress, Mouna Saudi.

The four-metre high piece of art will be erected in the front courtyard of the centre, situated in the French capital's most vital cultural district, the Quartier The sculpture will be presented

sometime this antumn during a ceremony ro be attended by various kings and presidents of Arah countries. The artist studied sculpture in

Paris and has held various exhibitions in international capitals. Her works rank high in the Arab World and world-wide art movements.

According to a press release, a committee for Jordan's contribution to the centre was formed under the chairmanship of His Royal Highness Crown Prince

number of Jordanian officials and people who have cootributed to the project are the Royal Court, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, businessman Sabieh Al Masri, chairman of the Arab Bank Board of Directors Abdul Majeed Shouman, and others.

In an interview with the Jordan Times, Mouna Saudi said she got the inspiration for the design for her piece of art from the Nabatean style of sculpture. "It is a world which links the past with the present."

The press release also said that the Arah World Institute Presideot Paul Carton has sent a letter to Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri in which he expressed his institution's gratitude to Jordan's gift and to the project's patron, His Highness Crown Prince

Jordanian woman named to regional Citibank post

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN -- Jordanian women and professional bankers alike have achieved another milestone this month, with the naming of Miss Ghada Dabbas as head of the Jordan, Syria and Iraq opera-oons of Citibank, the leading American bank, and Citibank's simultaneous decisioo to staff its Amman office totally with Jordanian managers.

Miss Dahhas, a 12-year veteran with Citibank in Jordan, will be promoted from her current position as corporate bank head of Citibank for Jordan to assume the country corporate officer post as of June 7. She will replace Mr. Zuheir Soomro, a Pakistani national who has headed the Jordan office for four years, and who will be taking up a new post with the bank in Saudi Arabia.

"This appointment is a sign of the great confidence that Ciobank has in the ability of our Jordanian managers," Mr. Soomro said-

Jerash being considered for 'world heritage' list

By Ibrahim Noori Reuter

AMMAN --- Jordan is seeking to have the impressive ruins of Jerash, an ancient Roman city and a mecca for tourists, added to the coveted world heritage list.

A listing would qualify the
2,300-year-old ruins for cash and expert help from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UN-

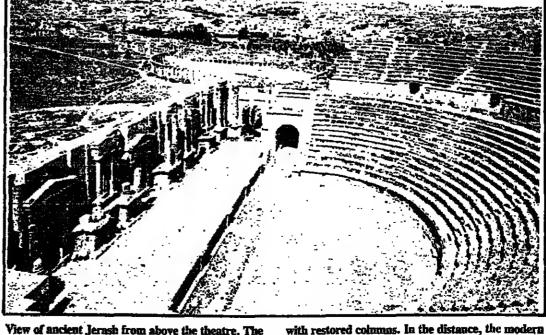
ESCO). Jerash, 40 kilometres (25 miles) north of Amman, is one of 25 major archaeological sites in Jordan dating back up to 10,000 years.

The city enjoyed mixed fortunes under Roman, Byzantine, Persian and Muslim rulers as well as Crusaders. It has a temple of Zeus, a triumphal arch and a colonnaded stone street which still bears the imprints of chariot wheels,

"We have applied for the listing of all our major ancient sites, but we think UNESCO will adopt only Jerash because it has so many applications from other countries to consider," Adnan heritage three years ago.

Hadidi, head of Jordan's Antiquities Department, told Reuinsists on an acceptable official

Hans Friedrich Werkmeister and



View of ancient Jerash from above the theatre. The circular forum area and the main roads are lined

The old city of Jerusalem, in

city of Jerash can be seen. plan to preserve a site. Mr. Hadidi said Jordan was expected to

the Israeli-occupied West Bank, adopt a landscape plan for Jerash was listed as a world cultural later this year.

Martin Heimer at the request of UNESCO and the World Bank, also aims at ensuring developmeot of modern Jerash, a city with some 70,000 people, Mr. Hadidi said.

Jerash, a settlemeot since pre- plus one year in jail,

historic times which became an official Hellenistic city in about 300 B.C., suffered from two earthquakes in the seventh century. It now stands near the noisy Amman-Damascus highway. Excavation work this century

has uncovered many ancient buildings and restoration is still being conducted by the antiquities department and foreign

Mr. Hadidi said the landscape plan envisaged forestation of local hills, traffic diversions, controls oo new buildings and the removal of others which detract from the

He said the Antiquities De-partment would apply the measures to other ancient sites in the country which cater for tourists as a source of foreign exchange. Mr. Hadidi said Jordan's anti-

quities law was being amended to provide stiffer penalties following receot hid to steal a 300-kilogramme (660-pound) statue of a lion from Jerash's Temple of Zeus.

He said he had proposed doubling the fine for archaeological theft to JD 2,000 (\$6,000)

AMMAN (I.T.) - The Greater Amman Couocil held its fifth meeting on Tuesday. At the meeting a number of issues were discussed, including: construction of new premises, the allocation of land in northern Amman, and the electrification of a number of

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Bridge building, or digging holes

IT seems that the scandal in the U.S. over the selling of arms to Iran and the diversion of funds to aid the Nicaraguan contras will never end. The U.S. Senate panel investigating the mess opened televised public hearings yesterday. So now the 'drama" can be seen in vivid colour across the American nation.

The TV audiences will have two new bits of information to titillate them. First, the senator, chairing the investigating committee, has stated that, from information gathered in closed door hearings, he believes President Reagan knew much more about fund raising for the contras than he is admitting. This followed the release of an FBI report asserting that Col. Oliver North, former National Security Council aide, informed Mr. Reagan of a purported Saudi interest in providing funds for the contras. However, nothing, so far, proves Mr. Reagan knew of the diversion of funds from arms sales to contra rebels.

The second titillating tid-bit just released is that, according to the British newspaper, the Observer, former National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane provided intelligence information and arms to Iran to prevent the release of sensitive information about the CIA. It seems the U.S.-hostage William Buckley, after being tortured, provided detailed information about the U.S. intelligence gathering operations in the Middle East, which found its way into the hands of the Iranian government. To keep the Iranians quiet, Mr. McFarlane gave them arms and intelligence.

So the intrigue continues live, from Washington. This is certainly spellbinding stuff, right out of a spy thriller. While this main attraction is being held on centre stage, another event is taking place away from the lights of the televised hearings. It seems that the U.S. Congress, in its bid to uncover the "dirt," and make a possible presidential contender in the process, has forgotten about a more constructive effort taking place in the Middle East. This is the effort of Jordan, and other countries, to convene an international peace conference. While such things do not make presidential candidates in the U.S., they hold out the promise for some constructive progress in easing tensions and solving problems in this important part of the

But, unfortunately, such constructive efforts are only a side show for the U.S. Congress and administration. Digging dirt Reagan administration should "come clean" so that the U.S. can put away the shovels and take up the instruments of diplomacy. Bridge building is more difficult, but in the long run it is more productive than digging holes.

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Al Ra'i: Fulfilling national dreams

THE Jordanian-Egyptian higher joint committee opens meetings in Amman Tnesday under the chairmanship of the prime ministers of the two countries for the sake of following up the implementation of bilateral agreements in a variety of fields. Egypt and Jordan have been able to conclude a large number of agreements and to launch joint cooperation in agriculture, transport, tourism, information, telecommunications and other important fields. The meeting in Amman is bound to promote such cooperation, moving the two countries still further towards total economic integration. Jordan which is keen on strengthening ties with all Arah states has opted for joint projects and joint agreements with neighbouring Arah states to make np for lack of total integration among all Arah countries, and in a bid to bolster relations among Arah states. The experience proved to be successful and yielding fruit that can be reaped by all Arah states and their people. As long as Jordan and Egypt seek to achieve the aspirations of the Arah Nation, we feel that the Amman meeting will contribute towards this endeavour and enable the people of both countries to attain further prosperity.

Al Dustour: Good news from the Maghreb

AMIDST a sea of confusion, instable political situation and disputes and differences in the Arah World, the Arab masses heard with satisfaction the news of a meeting grouping the King of Morocco and the President of Algeria under the aegis of King Fahd of Saudi Arabia. Regardless of what such a meeting might achieve in view of the enormity of conflicts and differences in views among Arab leaders, we still consider the meeting a constructive step towards defusing tension between Algeria and Morocco over the Western Sahara question. The meeting between the heads of these two North African Arab states through Saudi Arabian mediation comes at a time when the Arah Nation is in dire need for unity of ranks and solidarity in the face of the common threats and dangers. The on-going differences between Morocco and Algeria had served as a major cause for weakening the Arah Nation and deepening differences among the leaders of Arah countries. Continued differences among the leaders of this nation rendered the Arab World a weak and impotent entity among the nations of the world.

Sawt Al Shaab: Example of joint action

THE principles of joint Arab action call for economic and social integration among various Arab countries; and Jordan which truly believes in this joint action strives to achieve its principles and objectives. The joint economic and social agreements and projects launched with Egypt lead towards the achievement of this goal and belp both countries to assist one another on the way to prosperity. Both countries are today holding another meeting through their Jordanian-Egyptian higher joint committee to pursue this goal and to review means of further bolstering bilateral cooperation in fields that yield benefits for the peoples of the two countries. Experience has shown that such cooperation is essential fur countries seeking to attain solidarity in the true sense of the word and for those trying to end the state of paralysis that has characterised the Arab Nation for a long time. Jordanian-Egyptian meetings represent one more link in a long chain of fruitful cooperation in technical, trade, agricultural and industrial fields. The leaders of the two countries believe in holding workshops from time to time in order to give impetus to the joint march towards development. Perhaps at this stage Jordan and Egypt could undertake a process of stocktaking and revision of past achievements realised through their mutual endeavour. Perhaps they can now open more avenues for a much greater measure of cooperation for the benefit of the people of the two countries.

Why Arab- Americans must stand up for Palestine

By Edward W. Said

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His article is reprinted from the Jeddah-based Arab News.

nificant wave of immigrants to the United States from the Arab World came about 100 years ago from Syria, Lebanon and Palestine. They came because conditions in the Arah World under Ottoman rule were exceptionally unpleasant. There was famine and poverty, there was drought, there was political repression.

America in the period from the 1880s through World War I attracted many such people from Eastern and Southern Europe, from the Middle East, and a few other places, just as earlier in the 19th century many Chinese and. of course, hlacks were brought here in conditions either of servitude or slavery.

Among that early mass of immigrants, the mostly Syrian and Lebanese Arahs, assimilated themselves to the new society as peddlers, merchants, and, in time, as professionals and variously employed and educated, variously successful or nnsuccessful, citizens. Some achieved eminence - Danny Thomas and Philip Hitti, for example - but it would be difficult to speak of an Arab-American experience, as such. There were individual stories, yes, but the national coherence that we can point to today within the Arab-American community had not

occurred. The change began to occur after 1948, and even more noticeahly, and perhaps dramatically, after 1967, Since then the changes have deepened in intensity and in magnitude, so much so that it would be impossible to say today that there was no Arab-American experience. I think all of us would agree that we are no longer a miscellaneous hunch of immigrants who had wandered in the door, more or less at random. All of ns are consciously affected by at least three things: one, of course, is the current state of our Arah countries of origin; two is the domestic and foreign-relations policy environment of the United States itself; three, and perhaps most important, is the Arab-American condition itself, what we are and what we do collectively and individually. Thus for a Palestinian who lives in America the situation is different from the situation of the Egyptian-American; similarly to be a Libyan-American is one

United States and the Arabs. But let us return to 1948 and 1967. No Arab-American today so bravely. From Palestine comes

is quite another. All, however.

are affected by the current and

extraordinarily strained and even

tortured relationship between the

WASHINGTON — The first sig- can pretend that the two dates mean nothing to her or him. They do, most emphatically. Those two years mark the dramatic beginning and the even more dramatic expansion of a process that has touched every Arab, and especially every Arah-American. There was first of all the sum of dislocations and catastrophic dispossessions that occurred after the establishment of Israel: this was followed by the even greater consequences, the pan-Arah consequences, of the enormous Arah defeat of 1967. Most of the Arabs who came to America after World War II came, I would say, as a direct result of one of these two occurrences. And after each of the dramatic events or periods in the Middle East brought forth -more visitors to these shores, it also brought greater politicisa-

> This is an important point. Unfortunately it is not a happy point, but it has to be made and acknowledged by all of us. The fact that because of 1948 and 1967 being an Arab-American has meant being involved politically in the conflict between Zionism and the Palestinian people. Many of us discovered this most shockingly during the 1967 war, when, as I recall those bleak June days, large American cities like New York and Boston were as festive as holidays — for everyone except Arabs, whose anger and shame were profound. To be an Arah-American henceforth meant being the enemy of Israel, whether individually or collectively we felt and accepted this or not. The political and cultural environment in this country has become so polarised that in whatever context the Arab-American

is to be found, there also is to be

found a supporter of Israel, and

consequently an enemy of the

Arab. No one can hide from this

reality, no matter how hard one

It was as a result of 1967 that for the first time the Arab-American identity, came to a crisis of collective self-knowledge. There Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), no Association of Arab-American University Graduates (AAUG) without the effects of 1967. And it was because of 1967 that the Arab-American discovered that the main issue conthing, to be a Yemeni-American fronting every Arab-American in this country was the issue of Palestine. Palestine remains the central, the absolutely unavoidable, the crucial Arab-American issue. From it comes the anti-Arab racism that ADC has fought

cies and the unacceptable performances of the media, its distortions and misrepresentations. From Palestine comes the whole cumulative effects of centuries of Western Orientalism fueled by anti-Islamic and anti-Arah cultural prejudice. When one reads the virulent and ignorant attacks on Arab culture, the Arab mind, the Islamic personality in such magazines as Commentary and The New Republic we know that these attacks are not there because the editor discovered something new about the world and chose to publish it, but that he went out and sought agents who could write learned hnt hostile articles about the Arabs, their culture, history and religion in order to use that material in his battle on behalf of Zionism and against the Palestinian idea.

Some may conclude that these facts taken together make up a great misfortune, which it would be well in some way to circumvent. After all, the Arah World for the past generation has been an unhappy spectacle for us all. So, because we are safely in America, some of us say: let us not talk about Palestine: let us not get involved in the matter so that we might concentrate upon our local interests and advance-

ments here. But that would be to misjudge and misconstrue reality. The support of Zionism in and by the United States has always meant the deep disparagement and de-nigration of the Palestinian Arabs in particular, and all the Arabs in general. One would never find a black-American disengaging from the fight against apartheid: and so many of us feel that we must not allow ourselves as Arabs to disengage from Palestine. When it is the policy of the Israeli government to occupy territories illegally, to drive Arabs off their own land, to discriminate against Arabs as "non-Jews", to deport them, destroy their houses, kill and massacre them — all because they are not Jews, all this is an affront to every Arah, wherever he or she is, particularly when these policies are aided, abetted and paid for down to the last cluster bomh by the American taxpayer. It is Israel which has laid down the iron barrier between what Israel calls the Jewi would be no Arab American and the non-lew. This designation, non-Jew, I as an Arah, and; as an Arab-American, refuse. We all refuse it, and therefore we

> for Palestinian rights, as Arabs and as Arab-Americans. One of the other results of 1948 and 1967 was the progressive series of radical changes that took place in the Arah World: these changes brought to America waves of immigrants from Egypt, from Iraq, from Syria, Lebanon

must remain locked in the battle

and elsewhere. Unlike the first waves of Arab

came here auxious to flee politics, these new arrivals came in a sense already politicised, some at great expense. Most of the recent Arab-Americans were, it is true, escaping the pressures of local Arab politics, and they came to America for political reasons. And they arrived to a society itself already seriously polarised by and politically suffused with the present state of Zionist-Arah conflict. Thus there was no escape: you were ohligated to feel that you were on the defensive, that by being an Arab you were a marked person, thus carrying with you all the baggage of the old country into a new one. there was also the extra complexity of coming to a society that was not particularly anxious to hear your story, or that was unwilling to receive your culture into its own, a culture that much preferred to compress and reduce you to the status of an opponent of Israel, a supporter of terrorism and fundamentalism. Which one of us has not felt the unfairness of the small opportunity that has been offered us to represent ourselves?

Nor was this all. For many Arab-Americans of this recent group, there was the continued pull, even in exile or at a great distance, of the politics of the old world. Arab regimes had interests here, as did parties, sects, and associations. What could be more natural than to re-involve the expatriates in the continuing debates, the struggles, the discussions, and, even more improbably, the daily politics of the mother countries and their various components. Think of the effect on Egyptian-Americans of Sinai II and Camp David. Think of the endless disputes within the Palestinian community here, of Fatah versus the Popular Front versus the others. Or think of the Sunni-Shia split, whether it cropped up in Lehanon, the Gulf, or Iraq, Lebanon alone has taken a vast toll on our focus and energies. Each of these has extracted its price, exerted its force, over Arab-America, with less than happy results. There has also been the attempt hy Arab governments to re-attract those skilled doctors, engineers, scientists and other professionals who, having done well here, might be induced to return or to re-engage with their original societies, perhaps only to help themselves.

This is not a very pleasant situation. And indeed some have reacted with discouragement and despair, inventing large patterns about the whole Arab World, vowing never to have anything to do with the Arabs, hating themselves and their new environment, falsifying and distorting their past, renouncing it or distorting it. On the other hand, few did this, and those that did, stand out with a clarity that makes them

our awareness of the insufficien- immigrants to America, who easily, almost disturbingly, ob- see themselves as defending their

Few Arab-American intellectuals have sold out to despair, but some have, even to the extent of actually trading on their Arab origins in order to make a living among those enemies who have waited for years to land such a prize; thus instead of getting Jew-ish Zionists to attack the Arabs as a people, wouldn't it be much nicer to have an Arah or to do the work for the Zionists?

One such person is Fouad Ajami, a verbally gifted and selfdramatising man who earns his living speaking and writing on the Arab World. He is now disenchanted with "the Arabs" and with something he has called Arab culture, which is a caricature created for American and Zionist propaganda. He resides in America using the pages of the most racist and Anti-Arab journals like The New Republic in order to attack his own people. This is a person whose actual knowledge of the Arab World of which he is an accredited expert is thin and unscholarly. But it is a knowledge that serves the purposes not of scholarship hut of official American and Zionist

propaganda. To say that pan-Arabism is catastrophe, that the Palestinians are hars and murderers, to say that Arab civilisation has contributed nothing to the world — to say all this and much more for an audience of Zionists, in whose interests is it? Is it in the interests of truth or of social change? And if so why not write these things for an Arab audience in the Arab World where it might do some good, and involve one or two risks? Why sit in America and denounce, and offer no alternatives, why declare doom and unending degeneration in so categorical a way in the pages of The Vew Republic where the Arabs are already so vilified and despised? What courage and intellectual valour is required to attack the Arabs in America, where nearly every newspaper; journal, and TV station is packed so solidly with the enemies of the Arabs? Is such a tactic brave and

despair that he seems to have of his people and his culture, New Republic will carry him along successfully in his career.

This class of person is fortunately an exception. Much more representative are those Arab-Americans, like James Aburezk, or Inca Bujnaq, who, when they act as intellectuals or involve themselves in politics and culture hut positively to do.

the other, interpreting it sympathetically and of course criticaliy. For it is much much harder to work in a group like ADC, or to work actively to prevent the de-portation of the 9 Palestinian youths in Los Angeles, it is much harder to inhibit the circulation of films like Delta Force or the production of Coleco 'terrorist ... dolls," it is much harder to write and publish a book on Arab folktales or to do an oral history of one's native Palestinian village, much harder to do any of those things than to use the pages of The New Republic to revile the Arabs, their hopes and their culture. In one case, the Arab-American fights the racist trends in this society, already well estab-

hished and well supported; in the

other case, the Arab-American

repeats what is said by the ene-

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heritage on the one hand, and, on

But I do not believe that all Arab-Americans should become media stars, or that they should work ceaselessly for Palestine, or that they must be scholars and ... # " writers. Not at all. I am saying that as a community with a common, but by no means heterogeover, to say that Arab culture is a nous, background, Arab-Americans cannot serve anything but imperialism and racism if we attack each other, dwell relentlessly on our weaknesses and on our religious, national and political differences, in America. What good does that serve? Whereas it seems to me that a much more interesting and worthwhile goal would be to use the privileges of this democracy, and perhaps the pleasures of exile, to correct, to develop, to make more coherent those aspects of the Arab and Islamic tradition that strengthen and . It list deepen our appreciation of it, and the appreciation of those who have declared war on it through ignorance and misunderstanding.

And it is a fact that unless as a diese community we here take charge Frank of the interpretation of the Arab heritage in the universities, in the publishing world, in the community, that work will be done by our The only reasons that I can find for such behaviour is, since the enemies, who include the orien-content of Ajami's writings is so, tallists, the despairing Arab negligible, that so strong is the Americans, the so called experts. We are perhaps the last remainthrown his lot in with the enemies ing ethnic community in America that has not seen to it collectively thinking that the accreditation of that what is taught by and written Orientalists, CBS News and The in the culture at large about us, is what we have produced. It is important to point to the carica- in Irao tures, the stereotypes, the distortions of the Arabs, as Jack Shanow incumbent on us to take the next step and start to produce the alternatives. Not just to criticise,

Light the candle, don't just curse

the darkness.

Jordan-Egypt panel opens meetings

King: Jordan will not hold independent talks (Continued from page 1)

He said that because the U.S. suffered from "a serious question of credibility after the Iran arms sale" and sided so strongly with

Israel it could not mediate. "The United States can play a major role, but it can't play honest hroker," King Hussein said, adding, "we don't deny their role. Without them we can't find a solution."

The King said the Reagan administration appeared to be hobbled by the Iran arms sale scandal. He said he valued President Ronald Reagan's personal friendship, but felt the president had "relied on advice from peopie who may not have been able to give the best advice."

"On the question of the international conference and many other issues, I feel he was ill-

The King said he had no plans to visit Washington in the near future because the U.S. bad repeatedly rejected Jordan's requests to purchase American-made weapons and because he had little to discuss with a country that represents the echo of Israeli

positions in every way."
"I would be disastrous for me to go and come hack empty hand-ed" on such issues as the international peace conference, he said. The other major obstacle to the neace conference involves Palestinian participation, and despite Jordan's differences with the PLO, King Hussein said he still recognised the group as the

He said he was "very leery" of any attempt to revoke the 1974 Arah summit declaration which gave the PLO legitimacy to speak

representative of the Palestinian

for the Palestinians. However, he indicated that Jordan and other Arab states would attempt to get the PLO to moderate its views in order to attend the proposed conference. "We would certainly insist upon Palestinian participation, but the

(U.N. Security Council) Resolu-tions 242 and 338 and the renunciation of violence."

The monarch indicated that other Arab states were losing patience with the PLO. "It's worthwhile pointing out the fact." be said, "that the PLO has to make a choice. It can't pretend it's an Arah problem at one moment and at other times suggest that it's purely Palestinian.

He said the Palestinian problem was "the root cause of all instability in the area" and that Jordan had assented to a confederation with the Palestinians in the occupied territories in an effort to resolve the issue. At last month's meeting of the

criteria would be acceptance of Palestine National Council, the PLO said the confederation with Jordan had to be hased on "two independent states." The organisation called for total Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and Arah Jerusalem, and the creation of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

> The most generous concession suggested by Mr. Peres' Labour Party under the 'land for peace' concept would return to Jordan Arah population centres but retain Israeli sovereignty over all of Jerusalem and other land considered "essential to the defence of

Asked if the Labour Party plan

was acceptable, King Hussein replied: "No sir. It must be determined by the international confcrence. J believe what we're talking about is not the players or the 1967 war. It's something more important, a comprehensive solution and independence for the Palestinians "

Asked if he ever expected to see the Jordanian flag flying over Arah Jerusalem, the King said: "Jordanian? Palestinian? 1 don't know. Jerusalem cannot be a political element belonging to one side in an equation. I've never visualised the solution of Jerusalem as a return to a divided city, but one where all can share rights, real determination and respect for God's will."

Algiers and Rabat agree to dialogue

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after the meetings went with King Hassan to Oujda and Moroccan officials said the two monarchs dined together Monday evening hefore the Saudi King left Morocco.

The official Moroccan news agency MAP said the two meetings - an initial encounter of 10 minutes and a subsequent meeting of one hour — took place "in an atmosphere of serenity and

responsibility."
Western diplomatic sources said the three participants apparently kept such tight secrecy over the meeting that some senior advisers had received no information about it.

For the meeting, King Hassan had a tent set up on the edge of the border which runs through the village. President Benjedid had his tent set up a few metres inside the border on the Algerian side. The meetings took place in a third tent set up an equal distance from the two others, slightly inside Algeria. King Fahd occupied this tent.

There were stringent security measures and no outsiders were

allowed anywhere near the area. Even the villagers were kept under close surveillance.

The first meeting between the three took place in the Saudi tent and lasted about 15 minutes. King Hassan then withdrew to his tent and president Benjedid to King Fahd then shnttled be-

tween the two sides several times. Finally a round of talks lasting about 75 minutes took place with the three leaders attending, officials said. Algerian-hacked Polisario

ouerrillas are fighting Moroccans for the independence of Western Sahara, the former Spanish colony, and both sides have reported hloody hattles with hundreds of casualties in the last three

Senior Moroccan officials were wary of predicting a truce or a pause in the desert war following Monday's border summit.

Western military attaches say Morocco bas the military situation in the Western Sahara well under control after huilding a continuous defence line effectively locking out guerrillas from the disputed territory.

Moroccan sources said the military situation was an important element in persuading the Algerians to enter into a dialogue for a political solution which could be hased on a self-determination referendum.

Saudi Radio said Tnesday Saudi efforts to reconcile Algeria and Morocco and to improve Palestinian-Moroccan ties were aimed at convening a long-awaited Arab summit in Riyadh.

"Just bolding the meeting between Algeria and Morocco yesterday is a great achievement," the radio said in a commentary. "It is not possible to end all differences in one meeting and they agreed to continue the The radio said Sauid Arabia

would continue efforts to patch up a rift between Rabat and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).
King Fahd's efforts to narrow

Arah differences are aimed at "convening the postponed Arab summit in Riyadh," it said, King Hassan cut ties with the

PLO last month because a Polisario official addressed the Pales-

(Continued from page 1) tain close cooperation. In reply to a question on

energy, maritime transport, air

and land transport through the Agaba Nweibeh route and telecommunications. The committee is scheduled to

continue meetings on Wednesday. The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said that the discussions would cover support for the steadfastness of the Arab people under lsraeli rule, health, information and cultural and educational relations. Dr. Sedki, accompanied by a

arrived earlier Tuesday in Amman, and was accorded an official welcome by Mr. Rifai, Cabinet members and senior officials. In a statement upon arrival, Dr. Sedki said be was carrying a verbal message to His Majesty King Hussein from Egyptian

high-level Egyptian delegation,

President Hosni Mubarak dealing with the latest developments in the Middle East region and bilateral cooperation. Dr. Sedki described Jordanian-Egyptian relations as exemplary and said the two countries main-

issue with King Hussein and Mr. . Mr. Rifai said that the joint committee would discuss subjects of concern to both countries and follow up on subjects taken up in previous meetings, mainly con-cerning economic and trade and

Egypt's views with regard to the

proposed international Middle East peace conference, Dr. Sedki

said that he would discuss the

communications, and also joint companies, including the proposal for a holding company. Coop-

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eration in agriculture, industry, cherry and communications will also be on the agenda, Mr. Rifai Mr. Rifai is scheduled to hold a meeting with Egyptian Foreign

Minister Esmat Abdul-Meguid Wednesday morning. Informed sources said the meeting, which will be attended by Foreign Minister Taher Al Masti, will be devoted to political issues and the latest developments in Mideast peace efforts.

Assad meets Habash

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Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), in the reconcilia-

Mr. Hawatmeh was quoted in an interview with the Dubai Gulf News daily last week as saying he and Dr. Habash had been told they were not welcome in Damascus after they reunited with Mr. Arafat in Algiers.

In Tunis, Palestinian sources said Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi had decided to permit the PLO to reopen its offices in

The sources said Colonel Qadhafi announced his decision Monday in a meeting with PLO deputy military commander Kha-

Tunis, has not been permitted to have offices in Libya for the past

four years. The Palestinian news agency WAFA said in a report Monday that Mr. Wazir informed Col. Qadhafi of the results of the PNC.

meeting in Algiers
WAFA said Col. Qudhafi realfirmed "the constant support of his country for the struggle of the Palestinian people for the recov-ery of their inalienable rights." Mr. Arafat told a news conference in Kuwait Monday that the Soviet Union, Libya and Algeria were trying "to correct Palesti-nian-Syrian relations."

Mr. Assad met in Damascus Sunday with leaders of the Sr rian-backed Palestine National

il Al Wazir, who was visiting Salvation Front (PNSF), a group. sario official addressed the Palestine National Council (PNC). The PLO, headquartered in weight to Mr. Arafat.

Remote stone age Hagahai people near extinction in New Guinea

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WASHINGTON — A nomadic Papua New Guinea people, known to the outside world only since 1982, may be on the brink of extinction, victims of diseases that are steadily reducing their numbers faster than they can be

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The approximately 600 Stone Age people, called the Hagahai the name means simply "people" in their unique language --have been hunting and foraging m a remote mountain area for thousands of years, their nomadic ways nearly unchanged.

But now, barring an unfore-seen medical breakthrough, they are an endangered species, "definitely as important as sandhill cranes and snail darters," sas Carol L. Jenkins, a medical anthropologist who has been studying their lifestyle since 1984. "There aren't many people like these left."

Sought missionaries' help

The Hagahai themselves know they're in trouble. Aware that their numbers are dwindling, a delegation of five men sought help in 1983 from distant Baptist

In April 1984, an evangelist with medical training established a base among the Hagahai, who live in New Guinea's western Schrader Range.

That July, a census patrol arrived in Hagahai territory for the first time, The patrol was accompanied by a team that included Philadelphia-born Dr. Jenkins, a research fellow at the Papua New Guinea Institute of Medical Research. Dr. Jenkins, whose work has been supported by the National Geographic Society, has since returned five times.

The Hagahai, she has learned, have been afflicted for a long time by endemic diseases such as malaria, elephantiasis, diphtheria, and hookworm.

Added to these_chronic diseases in recent years by contact with outsiders and changes in settlement, patterns have been damaging epidemic diseases such as mumps, influenza, and hepa-

As a result of such poor health, the Hagahai population is dying stralls for much of its budget. In contrast, Irish Jaya, part of the estimated birthrate is 32 per the last shred of Dutch colonial in the East Indies, seethes

death rate of 46 per 1,000, Dr. hope."

As many as 50 per cent of the Hagahai die in their 30s, often as a result of the breakdown of their immune systems, Dr. Jenkins says. By age 18, two-thirds of Hagahai youth have lost one or both parents. Most children never know their grandparents.

Hagahai women marry late, contributing further to the people's decline. Infanticide is commonly practised hut little talked about, and Dr. Jenkins suspects that the killing of female babies skews the population toward more males.

Hope dwindles

To save the Hagahai, "We're doing what we can with available medicines and vaccines," Dr. Jenkins says. "We'll make an attempt. But I don't have a lot of

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THE independent nation of Pappa

New Guinea occupies the eastern

half of the South Pacific island of

New Guinea, second-largest is-

land on earth, which it shares

with Irian Jaya, a province of

Two New Guinea territories

administered by Australia merged

in 1949 and became independent

in 1975, Although well embarked

on democratic self-rule, Papua

Indonesia.

Papua New Guinea

The best hope for the longterm survival of the Hagahai would be an anti-malaria vaccine that would not require them to change their ways. Dr. Jenkins says. Bnt such a vaccine is yet to

Another way to prolong the Hagahai's survival for perhaps another 50 or 60 years, Dr. Jenkins says, would be to transform them into farmers. "That changes their entire culture, and it cuts down their mobility and their autonomy," she says. "And it has serious consequences. It would destroy the Hagahai as they are

Her actual prognosis is gloomier still. She doesn't see the Hagahai as farmers. "What's more likely to happen, unless we have a lot of very positive input, is that they'll die out within 20

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with revolt by native separatists

nearly a quarter century after a

1963 plebiscite linked it with In-

An unruly landscape in Papua

New Guinea, with knife-like

ridges, swampland, and thick in-

terior jungle, splinters more than 750 tribes of Melanesian stock,

each with its own language and

little sense of national identity.

Tribal warfare has been a way of

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years," she says.

Dr. Jenkins first heard about the Hagahai in 1982 while she was working on a nutrition survey in the bighlands. Her source was "a little old man who was sitting there in a bark-cloth G-string around the fire at night, telling

me about these wild people."
Patrol officers for that region confirmed that a census had never been conducted there, and planned one for 1983. But it was postponed for a year when word of the Hagahai was leaked to the press by an over-eager young patrol officer.

At first the Hagahai were mystified by the white American and confused about her sex, because she was fully clothed. Then her hushand and son paid a visit, and through hand motions she explained their relationship to her.

Discover she's woman

"Then they understood," she says. "And the women came up and felt my breasts. And when they felt my breasts - oh, eureka! - this look of recognition on

their faces. She is female!" Dr. Jenkins found herself among people who sleep on the ground, in caves or lean-tos; who hunt with crude bows and arrows; who have acquired a few steel axes and knives through trade, but generally rely on handmade

They worship the spirits of their ancestors. Their dead are laid out on scaffolds. After the bodies become skeletons, a pig is slaughtered sacrificially and most of the bones are deposited in a tree or cave. A widow may keep her husband's jawbone as a memento. "She often sleeps with it," Dr. Jenkins says. "She says it's her protection.

On one helicopter reconnaiss ance trip in search of a Hagahai suhgroup, Dr. Jenkins saw five or six men run into the woods surrounding an opening. "And one of them remained in the middle and began shooting arrows up at the helicopter to try to keep us

away," she says. But the decision of the Hagahai to seek outside assistance four years ago was "an irrevocable move," in Dr. Jenkins's view. The missionaries' presence Papus New Guines also com-prises a number of smaller is says. "They are now going to be lands, including Bougainville and the Bismarck Archipelago. opens their minds in dozens of

Chinese dentists make it enjoyable for kids east city hospital. She said the

EVEN the most experienced and skillful doctors and dentists will be at a loss if their uncooperative children patients cry endlessly. But the children who come to the dental clinic at the Peking Medical University seldom cry. Those that do usually smile through their tears after a few minutes.

Located in the northwestern suburbs of Peking and with a staff of 187, the Faculty of Stomatology at the university has few noticeable advantages over other big hospitals in downtown Peking. But its reputation draws patients from both rural and urban areas of Peking and even from provincial towns.

Every day people hoard crowded huses and willingly travel several hours to this "rural hospital." They say they come because of the smiles and superb skills of doctors and nurses in the children's dental clinic of the

In the clinie's consulting room on the third floor, four score little boys and girls sit quietly on long sofas with their parents, watching video films on oral hygiene.

"No 15 please come in," calls out a smiling, middleaged nurse. Liu Lijuan leads a child into the room with the chairs and all the apparatus.

"Listen to your doctor," fiveyear-old Chou Xiaoli's mother tells her daughter as the little girl follows Liu to doctor Zhang Shuhna. Doctors here ask parents to wait outside while the young pa-

tients are examined and treated. Seeing the therapeutie instruments on operating tables, Chou Xiaoli bursts into tears. "I don't want to have my teeth treated. I've had enough of that. I want mother."

"Well," 30-year-old Dr. Zhang says kindly, "Aunty promises you it won't ache. If I cause pain to your teeth, tell your mother and yon won't bave to come next

Staying alone with the doctor, Chou Xiaoli, still sobbing, undoes her shoes and sits obediently in the operating chair. Chou Xiaoli suffers from

periapical inflammation. Having drilled one of ber teeth through with a turbine, Dr. Zhang uses a hand vice to remove the dead dental pulp in it. She then grips a piece of cotton soaked in medicinal liquid, fills it in the tooth and pastes the tooth with ZnO (zinc oxide). "This is my daughter's first visit

to this children's dental clinic," among the best equipped and Chou Xiaoli's mother says. "She largest of their kind.

doctors there always looked displeased, and she felt pain when they were operating. People told me that doctors here deal with

patients without anesthesia and children don't cry, so I brought my daughter here." As a matter of fact, most parents who bring their children here are thinking along the same lines. They say doctors at the children's dental clinic possess a

wonderful art of healing and the nurses are amiable. Chou Xiaoli, her teeth now filled, runs out of the operating room happily. "Mother, Aunt Zhang kept her promise," she says. "It didn't burt at all. Next time we will surely come here."

Dr. Zhang smiles a goodbye to Chou and her mother. "Patience is most important to

a pediatrie dentist," Zhang says.
"I explained to her in children's language the whole process to get rid of her fear."

Six doctors and four nurses at the children's dental clinic treat 80 patients a day. During school vacations, their patients increase to 120-150 a day.

In spite of the patient load, the staff welcomes all patients who suffer dental problems. Those with special conditions and those who need emergency treatment are given priority.

A young mother, Zhon Xing-yu, wrote to Beijing Daily to express her thanks to the doctors at the clinic. She related that her only son suffered from an acute abscess last year. He had not been eating because of a fourday-old toothache.

She hurried with her boy to a hospital 100 kilometres away from their remote mountain village only to get the reply that her boy just had "a toothache" and it would not matter.

Doubting, the young country mother came to the dental clinic at the Peking Medical University. Although it was lunch time, two doctors put on their uniforms again as soon as they saw Zhouand her son.

When the 30-minute operation was over, Zhon and her son went ont to have lunch. "Seeing my son eating one dumpling after another, I felt so much relieved," said Zhon in her letter.

Founded in 1949, the faculty of stomatology at the Peking Medical University was one of the first China. The newly-established dental clinic and hospital are Each day some 1,500 patients

and 100 beds. Professor F. Arends of the Groningen Dental School of Holland said after his visit to this school that the dental clinic had a great future and excellent facilities. He said he was impressed by the quality of the research facili-

Ordinary parents believe in the attitude of the new professional

faculty in treating their children. As early as 3 a.m. every day. people stand outside the registration office, waiting in long Seven-year-old Wu Jie's father

arrived at 4 a.m. one day and was registered No. 28 at 5 a.m. Though I have to get up very early and cycle in cold wind, I think it is worthwhile," he said. Among the 27 stomatological

schools in China, the one at the Peking Medical University offers the most courses.

Since 1949 when new China was founded, the school has trained 2,000 graduates, now spread throughout the country. Sixteen deans serving in the na-tion's dental schools graduated from the Peking Medical Uni-

The school has sent 70 of its medical staff ahroad to take part in academic exchanges and special training to update their medical knowledge.

Deng Hui, 49, deputy director of children's dentistry, made a special study of dental model measurement in twins while she was in Australia's Sydney University. Her effort resulted in the publication of two papers: "Dental Traits in Twin Study" and "Guidelines for Dental Model Measurement' in China and in Australia respectively.

Back in China, Dr. Deng organised a spare time reading class in which young doctors and nurses share their knowledge about the latest dental developments elsewhere that each of them has read in journals and books. Our doctors consider the op-

eration as the practice of verifying the knowledge they have learned through hooks," Dr. Deng says.

In order to make children cooperative, the medical staff has even studied psychology. By telling stories, presenting toys and talking friendly, they win the trust of the young patients.
"I love children. I would never

burt their feelings," says 23-year-old Dr. Hao Mingzhe.

In many places, when a child visit the facility and are distri- has his teeth drilled, he receives buted to 213 therapeutic tables local anesthesia or smells laughing gas (nitrous oxide). But in fact children's tooth nerves have not developed well enough. Therefore when dentists use a highspeed turbine to bore a hole in their teeth, they do not feel much

> Chinese dentists here take advantage of it. They operate withont anesthesia.

"But the most important thing kindness," says Dr. Deng. Pediatricians visiting the clinic from the British Royal Hospital were surprised to find that children did not cry when their teeth were drilled without anesthesia.

Denstists are still in short supply in China. The ratio is one to 120,000 in China, while in the United States and Japan the ratio is one to 2,000.

Dental problems, however, are common to Chinese children. Thirty to 80 per cent of them suffer from dental caries, and 50 per cent suffer from periodontal

While their foreign colleagues carry out the practice of "four-

hands" service (a doctor and a nurse treat a patient at the same time), the dentists here must share the services of a single nurse among four doctors. Thirty-one-year-old head nurse

Wu Yali says the nurses are husier than the doctors. Before an operation, the nurses here must prepare all necessary chemical reagents and therapeutie instruments for the doctors. Besides, they have to help doctors write medical records and explain to children's parents the whole process of an operation to reduce worry and fear.

"The nurses here believe that the doctor and the nurse share the responsibility for the success of an operation," says Wu. Some people bave changed

their old impression of hospitals after they visited the children's dentistry at the faculty.
One father says, "When I first

walked into your bospital, I was ready for the disdainful look in doctors' eyes. But I was virous Five-year-old Ye Yujin, who is

tooth has just been covered with a stainless steel crown, says, "I like here better than the kinder-

"My son always jumps with joy when I say to him we come to the dentists here." Ye Yujin's mother says. "He regards coming here as an adventure equal to visiting relatives" — China fea-

1,000 persons, compared to a rule in the East Indies, seethes A last resort...

Peter Bruce reports on the crosion threatening to destroy the chic nudist beaches of one of West Germany's most exclusive holiday addresses. "Beaches nourishment" is a simple but expensive process of replacing wandering sands.

the-edge of a cliff overlooking what is easily West Germany's best sand beach. In fact, it must rank among the best in the world. Sylt, off the west coast of Schleswig Holstein, is a thin strip of land with a wide beach running the entire 40-kilometre length of

its western face. "There used to be a restaurant here," he shouts above a wind that seems to hlow all the time. "We had to take it down last year. Ten years ago there was another 40 metres to the edge."

A spanking new restaurant sits about 60 metres away, its walls hined with pictures of how the sea slowly drove in at the cliff face and destroyed its predecessor. How long does the new building have? Mr. Oellerking shrugs his

List, West Germany's most northerly town, along with half a dozen other similar places on Sylt, is one of the most exclusive summer addresses in West Germany. This is where "chic" Germans gather after a hard winter down in Munich or Hamburg. Connected to the mainland hy

an I1-kilometre man-made dam carrying a rail line, Sylt is so important in the top people's calendar that the Deutsche Bank, the ultimate arbiter of expensive West German taste, keeps a beach house here for board members and another for senior staff.

For about 130 years, people have been coming here for a summer, or winter, cure. The wind and waves and relatively clean air are apparently invigorating. More and more though, people come to be seen. Most of the 300,000 or so visitors this summer will use the island's numerous modist beaches. Only 2 per cent of the visitors are foreign and most of them are Swedes. -

They have about 300 years to make the most of it. The same winds and waves which bring a summer flush to thousands of naked cheeks are also destroying the island. Sylt's weak, spindly southern and northern arms are being stretched and bent back like a bow by the onslaught.

As they bend, so the centre. site of the capital, Westerland, juts out to take even more of the force of the wave attack. It is getting worse. Between 1870 and

SYLT — Ernst-Georg Oellerk- 1950, scientists measured an avering, mayor of List, is standing at age attrition of about 0.9 metres a year along the west coast.

But as the polar cap continues to melt, seas have risen. The number of storm surges since the last war has doubled in both frequency and intensity.

The authorities reckon the west coast has been retreating by about 1.5 metres a year since 1950. At the southern tip, near Hoernum, they say the land loss has been about 15 metres a year since

In 1907, the owner of the Hotel Miramar in Westerland decided to build a sea wall to protect hisproperty. Walls, it was throught, would save Sylt. But the sea hammers away at their foundations and they constantly have to be repaired at vast expense.

Sylters think they have found a better way. Since 1972, whenever money is available, they have been practising "beach nourishment", which is a bureaucratic way of saying they pnmp thousands of tonnes of sand back on to the beaches and against the cliffs from whence, possibly, it has recently come.

There are drawhacks. The costs involved m collecting the sand by dredger I5-kilometre from the coast, transporting it to a point from which it can be pumped on to the beach and then packing it properly, are high. And it has to be repeated every few years.

In 1985, they pumped nearly 2 million cuhic metres of sand on to the beach in front of Wenningstedt and Kampen. It cost DM15 million (\$8.3 million) and already there is talk of having to do Kampen again this year.

Engineers think that they can hold the bulk of the island this way. Money is a problem. The Schleswing Holstein government helps. Also, the Deutsche Bank holiday homes are in Kampen, just about the last word in nudist beaches, Buhne 16. If the Deutsche Bank board can't push back the waves nobody can.

It is different in the north, near List. Mayor Oellerking drives along a road which ends abruptly. This used to be the old way to the two northern lighthouses but the sea finally ripped it away about three years ago.

- Financial Times feature.

Outdoor performance at original site draws mixed reviews

By Brenda Smiley

LUXOR, Egypt — An un-precedented presentation of "Aida" in an actual pharoab's temple setting drew mixed reviews Sunday, with Spanish superstar tenor Placido Domingo calling the ex-perience "not to be believed" and some listeners complaining that the outdoor acoustics spoiled the

A glittering first-night audience of nearly 5,000 people, including Spain's Queen Sophia and Prin-cess Caroline of Monaco, packed the grandstand specially constructed for the spectacle that was planned to run for IO performances, featuring an Arena de Verona opera company cast of

The Saturday night debut marked the first time that the classic love story of a pharoah's son and an Ethiopian slave girl

has ever been staged at the 3,400-year-old ruins, the setting in-tended by Italian composer Guiseppe Verdi when be wrote it to mark the opening of the Suez Canal in 1869.

The heavily promoted extravaganza attracted an audience ranging from European jet setters to well-heeled tourists, with scats going for \$250 to \$500 apiece.

Dressed in gowns, furs and jewellery, the rich and famous cpped cautiously through Luxor temple's ancient, dusty stones, shielding their eyes from the glare of spotlights. Plainclothes security men cleared the way for Queen Sophia and Egypt's first lady Suzanne Mubarak. Among other royalty, Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana, and Oueen Noor of Jordan, were invited but did not come.

Domingo, who was signed to appear in the male lead of Radames, opposite Italian sopra-

no Maria Chiara as Aida, for the first night only, told a news conference that despite some sound problems, he would be willing to do it again.

Asked his feelings about per-forming "Aida" at Luxor temple, Domingo replied, "it is not to be believed, especially singing. Even when I am not singing, it is a tremendous feeling to be here."

Entrepreneur Fawzi Mitwalli,

an Egyptian-born mineral oil millionaire and opera buff who lives in Vienna and claims to have invested \$10 million of his own money in the show, told Domingo, "Last night, you looked like you heeame Radames." "Yes, I felt that," Domingo

replicd. Some critics and other listeners were much harsher in their judgment of the opening night performance.

"This was a total disaster, for

this price we can subscribe to La Scala (Milan's opera house) for a whole year," complained a West German opera lover, who preferred anonymity.

Domingo's arias drew little applause from the spectators, possibly because of the size of the open-air theatre. But some observers hlamed the acoustics system for causing an echo effect they dubbed "double Domingo."

"Only Beethoven would love it, when he was stone-deaf," said Paul de Neef, a Dutch critie for the paper Ecsevier.

Even Domingo conceded that he was "a little bit disappointed" in the sound system. "If I had known about it before, I would have solved it, but it's too late now," he said.

The Spanish tenor said he was bothered during Friday night's dress rehearsal by dust in his throat, but the wind caused no problems during Saturday's per-

He also said he felt the ticket prices were justified because it

> with "a crowd of jet society coming from around the world," rather than just opera fans. "I don't say there are not fans among the jet society ... (but) a big percentage of the people here came because of all the things

was " a first-time happening"

together," be said. Mitwalli had told an earlier news conference that he stood to lose a \$I million from the 10-day run because only 20,000 out of an

expected 30,000 tickets were

Mitwalli, said that neither Sunday night's second performance nor any later ones had been sold out, hut there were no plans to lower

ticket prices. Technical problems had pla-

area, hnt most appeared solved by opening night. Luxor, one of Egypt's major

tourist attractions with its Luxor and Karnak temples, and the famous Valley of the Kings nearby on the west bank of the Nile, was given a special face-lifting for Aida.

Street eleaners were at work for two weeks before "Aida." sweeping away sand hlown in hy annual desert storms, and officials kept fingers crossed that the

weather would behave. Local hlack market money changers adapted quickly to the arrival of Italian technicians and Carmen Schranz, an aide to crew, offering "cambio, cambio" - Italian for exchange - and buggy drivers called out "Opera Aida, Opera Aida."

One taxi driver seemed puzzled hy all the fuss. "Who is this rich Aida lady from Europe?" he gued the Italian and British crews asked a visitor. "Why is she that set up the stage and seating coming here now?"

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Goals may be hard to come by for UEFA Cup

GOTHENBURG, Sweden (R) - Past results suggest goals may be hard to come by when Gothenburg face Scotland's Dundee United in the first leg of the UEFA Cup final Wednesday.

meet in a European final both boast uncompromising delences which deal with opposing attacks much as Fort Knox treats hurg-

After Dundee United trained for an hour on the bumpy Ullevi pitch Tuesday, striker Paul Sturrock predicted a goalless draw.

The Scots have given away only three goals in 10 games on their way to the final and the Swedes are hardly disposed to be gener-

In their eighth consecutive appearance in Europe, Gothenburg have lost only one home game and of the 24 visitors to the Ullevi Stadium. 16 have left without scoring.

Experience is in Gothenhurg's favour. They won the UEFA Cup five years ago with a 4-0 aggregate win over Hamburg S.V. while Dundee United play in their first European final and are the first Scottish team to get so

The most northerly teams to far in the UEFA competition. The Swedes still have five players from the victorious 1982 team - hrothers Tord and Tommy Holmgren, keeper Thomas Wernersson and defenders Glenn

Hysen and Stig Fredriksson.

They came within an ace ol reaching the European Cup final last season before surrendering a three-goal first-leg advantage to

Since then their much-praised striking duo ol Torhjorn Nilsson and Johnny Ekstrom has hruken up. Lennart Nilsson and Stefan Petterson will have the task of hreaking the dour Scottish de-

Dundee United's back line, in which Maurice Malpas, David Narey and Paul Hegarty are outstanding, is the team's strength.

But the Scots have more to offer as they showed with surprise away victories in Barcelona and Moenchengladbach in the last two munds.

Iain Ferguson, who scored in both, misses Wednesday's match after receiving a second yellow

card in West Germany. Full-hack Malpas has been recovering from an ankle injury but trained Tuesday and will play if be has no adverse reaction.

Trainer Jim McLean said: "I know it's a gamble playing Malpas but 1 want him in the team even if he is short of match practice. He is a very important player for Dundee United."

Swedish trainer Gunder Bengtsson reported no injury worries. "It will be difficult for us," he "They are a very good

Probable teams:

Gothenhurg — Thomas Wernersson, Mats-Ola Carlsson, Glenn Hysen, Peter Larsson, Stig Fredriksson, Michael Andersson, Magnus Johansson, Tommy Holmgren, Tord Holmgren, Stefan Patterson, Leunart Nilsson.

Dundee United - Billy Thomson, John Holt, David Narey. Paul Hegarty, Maurice Malpas, Jim McInally, David Bowman, Ian Redford, Eamonn Bannon, Kevin Gallacher, Paul Sturrock.

Panel prepares for Olympic games

1STANBUL (AP) — Giving pro tennis stars a chance lor Olympic gold, reviewing ticket sales for the Calgary winter games and possibly raising the mandatory retirement age for members are among the items for discussion at a week of International Olympic Committee (1OC) meetings beginning Wednesday.

Reports by a panel looking into new ways to finance the committee's activities open the meetings. On Thursday, the IOC's executive board begins two days of talks, and on Saturday the comrings 92nd session starts a ..ಬ್.ಕರ್ಡ ಮಗ್ಗ

It ends next Tuesday with a news conference by IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch. Unlike the IOC's 91st session

in Lausanne, Switzerland, last October, where the host cities for the 1992 summer and winter games were decided, these meetings are not expected to produce pass easily and stars such as Mar-

NEWPORT, Rhode Island (AP)
— South African John Martin

was holding the lead Monday in

the BOC challenge round-the-

world solo yacht race after avoid-

length, northeast of Bermuda at

(1311 GMT) Monday, said race

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The higgest news probably will come on what is expected to be a formality: the approval hy the full session of a plan to allow millionaire tennis players into the 1988 games on an experimental

The plan, drawn up by the International Tennis Federation (TTF) and approved unanimously by the executive board last February, would allow the pros to compete in the Olympic Tennis Tournament in Seoul if they agreed to drop most money-making aspects during pre-Olympic practice and the games themse-

The players would not be allowed to accept money for their Olympic feats, nor carry many ol the advertising logos that bring them barrels of cash.

The proposal is expected to

S. African leads in

world yacht race

next lall.

The source, who spoke on condition on anonymity, said the IOC was worried that not enough tickets would be provided to people from outside North America.

In addition, the source said. there was concern over journalists being accredited for the winter games but not have adequate" seating or workspace at some venues because of too many public tickets being issued for popular events, such as speed skating

The source also said the 1OC as womed that barce Albertville, the hosts of the '92 summer and winter games, would rely on the '88 host cities lor advice and "get the bad points" of the organisations. To try to avoid that, the source said, the IOC already had held meetings with the '92 organisers and plan-

with 665 miles (1,070 kilometres) left. Lush said. Behind Lamazou was overall

That places him 628 miles (1,010 kilometres) from New-

port, the final destination of any

odyssey that began August 30,

med up," said Lush. "There is only 219 miles (338 kilometres) between first and 12th place. They should be arriving within two hours of each other on

The leaders lost the edge over the weekend as they left northeasterly trade winds and sailed

tina Navratilova and John McEnroe could be rocketing fore-hands and serves for the United States in Olympic competition

Both the executive board and the full session are scheduled to bear from the organising committee of the Calgary winter games about the state of preparations. And the Calgary officials may find the questioning a bit more pointed than usual on at least two

A source said Tnesday that the 10C is "very worried" about Calgary's ticket plans and access to events for accredited journalists.

and ice hockey.

session next Sunday and Monday.

might start trying his crown for size were inevitable.

body with his comeback in Hamburg, including himself, as he admitted early in the week be did not expect the title. In the quarter-finals and semifinals be was on the brink of

Warriors take on Lakers in NBA playoffs

work.

Bucks-Celtics

been off a week.

since last Wednesday.

first round and hasn't played

rent kind of team - passing

game... a lot of open spaces a lot of gaps," Riley said. "And now

we're getting down to the trench

Wednesday as defending cham-

ets 1-0, is at Houston, and De-

troit, ahead of the Hawks 1-0, is

Boston lost only two games at home all season, but could be

without all-star forward Kevin

McHale, who has a foot injury.

Like the Lakers, the Celtics

swept the first round and have

for Milwaukee. Star guard Sidney

Moncrief was plagued by a knee

injury this season, but he aver-

aged 17.4 points and 31.2 minutes

a game in the five-game playoff

UEFA ban remains in force next

Everton hegan this season

"I think when you sit back and

"We owe a lot to a tremendous

without five first-team players be-

cause of injuries and they used 23

see what was happened to us in

terms of injuries this is a great

League regulations say that 16 medals are awarded — 12 for the

players - and Kendall must

argue the case for several other

players to receive them, even if

number of games necessary lor a

medal but the generally accepted

There is no rule stipulating the

men to win the league title.

achievement," Kendall said.

lot of players."

Lendl shows who is no. 1 in tennis

the club has to pay.

victory over Philadelphia.

Injuries could also be a factor

at Atlanta in Wednesday's other

pion Boston hosts Milwaukee.

One other series begins

Seattle, which leads the Rock-

"Denver was an entirely diffe-

Los Angeles swept Denver in the Sonics-Rockets

Seattle conquered one bunch

of Texans, the Dallas Mavericks

in the opening round, and they

got the jump on Houston with a 111-106 decision on Sunday as Dale Ellis continued his streak

Ellis and teammate Kevin Wil-hams were arrested early Sunday

morning following an incident at

a Houston night club. Williams

was charged with resisting arrest

and Ellis with interfering with an

arrest. Ellis knows he'll hear it from

"I do anticipate that, but I

can't let it bother me," Ellis said.

Detroit's star, guard Isiah Tho-mas, outplayed Atlanta's top player, forward Dominique Wil-kins, in the series opener, a 112-

Thomas had 30 points and ran

the Detroit offense, while Wil-

kins scored an unspectacular 21

and missed a shot to win the game in the final second. Wilkins had

only two baskets in the second

Man wins

award

'sports nut'

NEW YORK (AP) - Matthew

"Pop" Shortell was named sports

nut of the year for 1987 and

has said he could have won it for

any of the past 40 years, too. Shortell, 64, of Ansonia, Con-

necticut, says he attended 529

consecutive Ansonia high school

lootball games and officiated

more than 15,000 games each m basketball and softball. He once

referred 11 haskethall games in a

fan's dream package: A large

screen colour television, a video

cassette recorder, a reclining

armchair and dinner with Vitale.

Shortell was the oldest of five

The winner's prize is a sports

with 34 points.

the Houston fans.

Pistons-Hawks

111 pistons victory.

NEW YORK (AP) — The Gol-

den State Warriors hadn't been in a National Basketball Association (NBA) playoff series

in a decade. When they got into one, they turned a trick no team

had done in more than 30 years.

take on another big challenge -

the Los Angeles Lakers.

Golden State rallied from a 2-0

deficit to beat the Utah Jazz in

their five-game Western confer-ence matchup. The last team to

do that was the 1956 Fort Wayne

The Lakers, however, are not

the Jazz. Not even close. Los

Angeles had the NBA's best re-

cord this season, 65-17, 21 more

victories than Utah and 23 more

Are the Golden State players

"We're going to be ready," lorward Purvis Short said.

'We've played the Lakers tough

all year and we really feel confi-

dent going in. 1 think the layoff

has to hurt them. They can't

think that they'll come in against

ger Howard Kendall will be

trying to persuade the English

league to provide extra cham-

pionship medals for his large

squad this week but the one thing

he cannot provide for his players

is European competition next

After his team clinched the

English title with a 1-0 win over

Norwich on Monday, Kendall said

he hoped to get more than the

customary 12 medals from the

anthorities for the extra large

squad he had to use this season

But his players will not receive

the prestigious reward of a Euro-

pean Cup place, for so long the

HAMBURG (R) — Ivan Lendl

removed any doubts as to who is-the world's best tennis player

with a brilliant series of perform-

cances to capture the \$375,000

West German Open at the

There was a question mark

over Lendi's ability to stay on top

surgery on a knee injury in

Critics began pointing out that

he had not won a tournament

since retaining the Masters in

New York last December and

that his last grand prix title was

way back in September when he

coveted prize accompanying an medal but the general English league crown. The figure has been 14.

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Lakers coach Pat Riley agrees.

for more medals

Everton to ask league

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us and it'll be a cakewalk."

than the Warriors.

shuddering about that?

On Wednesday, the Warriors

of the rankings when he was beaten in Tokyo last month by American David Pate in his first defeat to Thierry Tulasne of France and Swede Kent Carlsson before gritting his teeth and turnuse matches round in epic battles lasting almost three hours.

Then in the final he completely overwhelmed compatriot Miloslav Mecir, who had beaten him in Key Biscayne in March, 6-1, 6-3,

"Playing those two tough matches back to hack and then still being fresh for a best-of-five final, I think I've showed I'm doing the right thing and that I'm

hack," he said. Lendl had never really been

tournament play after his operation and has a record this year of 16 wins to three defeats. But Lendl confounded every-

"For most players that would be all right but by my standards I haven't won enough lately,"

Remarkably it was Lendl's first win in Europe since winning the French Open in Paris last June.

As it was also his first event on day since Paris, he will almost certainly return as favourite to retain his title there when th tournament starts in three weeks'

"But what you did in Hamburg doesn't count there," Lendl argued. "To win in Paris you bave to play well in Paris and win seven matches." However, Lendi showed the

fighting spirit which marks him as a player of exceptional class. Struggling 6-3, 5-3 down to resolute baseliner Carlsson, he moved up a couple of gears to win the away. He took barely a month of next 10 games and the match.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Napoli buys Brazilian star for \$4m

SAO PAULO (R) — Brazilian World Cup striker Careca has joined Italian league leaders Napoli in a \$4 million deal, an official of his Sao Paulo club confirmed Tuesday. The official said in a television interview that Sao Paulo and Careca would each receive \$2 million. The official also said Napoli had agreed on a \$700,000 annual salary for the player, who had signed a two-year contract. Careca was due to fly to Italy later this week to undergo a medical examination and was due to join Napoli, where he will play alongside Argentine star Diego Maradona, for the start of the new Italian season.

Club boss shot dead for 'Mafia links'

NAPLES, Italy (R) — Two gunmen shot dead the head of a Naples soccer club in front of a thousand spectators before the start of a local match, police have said. They said the dead man, Angelo Magliulo, was a suspected member of the Camorra, the Naples equivalent of the Sicilian Mafia, and appeared to have been the victim ol a clan fend. The gunmen fired about 20 shots at 35-year-old Magliulo before calmly walking out of the stadium. The match, between Magliulo's club Afragola and Santa Maria a Vico, was called off.

Bulgarian Petrov breaks snatch record

REIMS, France (R) — Bulgarian Mikhail Petrov broke the world record for the snatch in the lightweight (67.5 kilogramme) category with a lift of 157.5 kilogramme on the second day of the European Weightlifting Championships here Tuesday. He beat the previous record of 155.5 kilogramme set in 1984 by Vladimir Grachev of the Soviet Union.

Kenya's Kiptumu wins 5,000 metres

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP) — Joseph Kiptumu outran fellow Kenyan Andrew Masai Tuesday and won the 5,000-metre event by 2.6 seconds in the Oda Mikio memorial international track and field meet. The 24-year-old Masai led the field of 31 runners for the first 2,000 metres, but then Kiptumn pulled ahead and won in 13 minutes, 44.19 seconds. Masai finished second in 13:46.82 before 3,000 spectators at the Hiroshima prefectural track and field grounds in western Japan. Kenji Ayabe of Japan was third in 13:48.27. Norifumi Yamashita of Japan won the triple jump with a leap of 16.82 metres (55 feet, 21/4 inches). Robert Cannon of the United States placed second at 16.68 metres (54 feet, 8¾ inches). In the women's competition, Li Hinrong of China won the long jump with a leap of 6.04 metres (19 feet, 934 inches), and China's Li Xiaohui placed second in the discus with a throw of 53.26 metres (174 feet, 814 inches).

FIFA to inspect 1990 World Cup sites

ZURICH (R) — A four-man team from the International Football Federation (FIFA) will inspect the 12 proposed stadiums for the 1990 World Cup in Italy for the first time next week. A FIFA news release said the delegation, led by organising committee chairman Hermann Neuberger of West Germany, would visit Bari, Bologna, Cagliari, Florence, Genoa, Milan, Naples, Palermo, Rome, Turin, Udine and Verona from May

Polish weightlifter defects to W. Germany

BONN (AP) Polish weightlifter Bernhard Piekorz defected from his team during the European championships in France and has joined his brother in West Germany, security sources has said. The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Piekorz defected over the weekend, after winning the silver medal in the 52-kilogramme (114.55 lbs) class at the championships in Reims. Piekorz was driven from Reims to West Germany by his brother, who lives in this country, the sources said. They declined to give other details.

Pakistan bowler signs for Lancashire

LONDON (R) - Wasim Akram, Pakistan's left-arm new-ball bowler, has signed a six-year contract to play English county cricket for Lancashire, the club announced Tuesday. Wasim, a member of the Pakistan side currently touring England, will start playing for Lancashire next season. Lancashire secretary Chris Hassell said: "We are delighted - this is a tremendous signing. Imran Khan (Pakistan captain) believes this young man will be one of the top bowlers in the world in time." The rule restricting teams to one overseas player taking part in county games means Lancashire will have to decide what to do with their Jamaican fast bowlers Patrick Patterson and Ken McLeod. Patterson finishes a two-vear contract at the end of this season but may not be available next season because of the West Indies tour. McLeod, who joined the county recently on a short contract, made an impressive dehut against Middlesex last week.

ing a patch of windless ocean that ned to closely monitor building and other projects for the games. Officials of the Scoul, Albertville and Barcelona organising panels will also address the full won the U.S. Open. stalled other sailors, organisers Frenchman Titouan Lamazou, Suggestions that young pretenwho has led most of the final leg ders such as West Germany's of the solo race, dropped to fifth place Sunday but pulled back to Satellite monitors showed Mar-Wimhledon champion Boris tin, placed fifth overall in the Becker and Australian Open winclass 1 category for boats 50 feet to 60 feet (15 to 18 metres) in fourth place by Monday morning ner Stefan Edberg of Sweden

race leader Philippe Jeantot in fifth place, he said. "The whole fleet is really jam-

into calmer waters, said Lush. | spokesman Nick Cater.

2nd sport aid race planned for 88 LONDON (AP) — Sport aid's "Race Against Time," the charity But Irish rock singer Bob Gel-

run last year by about 20 million people in 89 countries, will be repeated in September 1988 on a grander scale to help deprived children worldwide, organisers said Tuesday.

"This time we hope to involve every country and inhabited territory in the world. We understand there are 218," said sport aid

dof, the mastermind of the antifamine hand aid drive begun in 1984, which spawned sport aid, will be absent. "He has gone back to his

career," Cater said. "He said after the last race that it was time now for someone else to do something.'

Sport aid said it has raised 21 million pounds (\$35 million) lor famine victims in 25 African countries over the last year from a variety of sporting events, most of it as a result of the global run.

From the West African tropics to the foothills of the Himalayas and the capitals of Europe, millions of runners crowded the streets and sidewalks of 279 cities for the six-mile (10-km) global race May 25, 1986.

Professor pursues mysteries of knuckleballs

NEW YORK (R) — Far from the nearest baseball diamond, a college professor with no love of the game has made a science out of throwing knuckleballs - the baffling pitch that has long tormented the best of big league

Doctor Joel Hollenberg of the Cooper Union School of Engineering has spent the past six years quietly developing a computer model he says details every variation of the pitch, which confounds hy dipping, darting and weaving every which way. Help for beleaguered batters,

however, is not in the game plan. Hollenberg, 49, who made use of a laboratory wind tunnel and engineering mathematics in analysing his subject, is not interested in making the knuckle-

"I visualise the research as kind of an aid to a pitching coach or to

a knuckleballer," Hollenberg told Reuters. "In other words, 1 envisage this as a weapon for Hollenberg became interested

in the knuckleball after offering his opinion on the physics of the "hutterfly" pitch in a sports magazine interview six years ago.

"I sort of gave them my im-pressions of what the knucklehall did and why, although I wasn't really entirely sure," he said. "1 hazarded some informed specula-

After seeing his opinions put forth as expert, the professor figured: "I better find out what's

really going on."

Hollenberg said he found a dearth of scholarly work on the aerodynamics of baseballs and what little existed treated them as smooth spheres instead of taking into account the stitching on the ball, which in the case of the knuckler creates a "drag" effect on the virtually spin-less pitch.

Although the strange hehaviour of the knuckler often sends catchers scrambling after loose balls despite the use of an oversized mitt. Hollenberg says

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llight path with pinpoint accuracy. The professor claims his micro-

computer menn of knucklers plots every possible flight path for the pitch, with ballpark variables such as humidity, barometric pressure, temperature and wind velocity factored in.

Knuckiehalls, mastered by lew pitchers and made lamous by such practitioners as Hoyt Wilhelm, Wilbur Wood and Phil Niekro, are subject to environmental whim unlike fastballs, curves or sliders because they are thrown with little spin. The basic assortment of pitches

are grasped with the thumb and next two fingers wrapped around

Knuckleballers, however, grip the hall with their nails dug in and their knuckles flush against the ball. Rather than give the ball rotation hy rolling it off their fingers, they "push" the ball for-ward, releasing it with little or no As a result, rather than "break-

ing" in a way the hatter can plot as he starts to attack the pitch, the knuckleball floats along and often changes direction over the last third of its 18.44 metres

Still, Hollenberg believes he has cracked the mystery. "The more I learned about it SCO!

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the more I realised it was a pitch that could be brought under control," he said. "I could foresee that the pitcher could be able to learn how to release the ball for maximum batter disadvantage." Hollenberg, who has sent stu-dents off to study current master craftsman Niekro at work in

spring training, has been operating on a shoestring budget. Efforts to convince a major league team to help him test his theories have come up empty. The lack of backing has not diminished the researcher's enthusiasm. Nor has his interest in

the subject made him any more of A native New Yorker who rooted for the Cleveland Indians

as a boy - "which everyone" thought was sort of bizatre" -Holienberg says he has never been particularly sports minded. He said when friends saw him

quoted in a sports magazine they thought it was pretty funny because they knew that my interest in sport at that time was that if you had an interest in sport you should lie down until the interest goes away."

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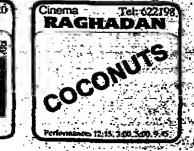
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Tumbling oil revenues hit **UAE** economy

ABU DHABI (R) — Tumbling oil revenues shrank the United Arab Emirates (UAE) economy by more than one-fifth last year, cutting into the country's trade and current account surpluses, but the Central Bank predicted an upturn soon.

Parnings from oil exports, on which the economy depends heavily, fell 38 per cent to 25 billion dirhams (\$6.8 billion) from 40 billion dirhams (\$11 billion) in 1985, the bank said in its 1986

Gross domestic product fell by 21.4 per cent to 80.3 billion dirhams (\$22 billion) with oil, industry and construction the worst affected sectors.

The bank said the UAE continued to show trade and current account surpluses although these fell to their lowest level in years. The trade surplus plunged to 12.2 billion dirhams (\$3.3 billion) from 30.2 billion (\$8.2 billion) in 1985, while the current account surplus slid to 6.8 billion dirhams (\$2 billion) from 25.5 billion (\$7 billion).

The surpluses "strengthen confidence in the ability of the UAE economy to overcome the sharp negative effects of the oil market and lead one to expect positive developments in the coming

The UAE, a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), has benefitted from OPEC's efforts this year to fix oil prices at an average \$18 a barrel. World oil prices fell last year to as low as \$8 a barrel from around \$28 in January 1986. On the bright side, the bank said liquidity remained adequate

and inflation at an average level of one to two per cent despite the higher cost of imports caused by currency fluctuations.

The UAE dirham is pegged to the U.S. dollar whose decline against other major world currencies last year has been an added

burden on the economy. Some non-oil sectors such as agriculture, electricity and water showed moderate growth, the bank said.

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FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Today you have a considerable amount of resourcefulness and cleverness. Make conditions more extensive so that you can gain more of the benefits.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Find several ways of getting your plans operating. Talk with an associate who

can help speed things up.
TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You can see more clearly how to make more money. An expert in business can

be most helpful to you. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Study new methods that will help you produce more. Get the assistance of

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) An expert

can confidentially give you advice on how you can gain a greater abundance. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Gain the assistance of clever and alert friends so that you can gain your aims more

easily. Relax tonight. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Something you do today can easily improve your public image. Get your abilities to the attention of bigwigs.

LIBRA (Sept. 28 to Oct. 22) You feel a new course of action will work out well, but perfect it first. A trip may

be coming up soon.

- SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You can get much vital data from an expert in business. Be very sociable in the

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A quick-acting partner gives you good advice for advancement. Make the evening a sociable one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) So much efficiency is possible at work now. Be more cooperative with your

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Get some particular talent working profitably. Do whatever will please your mate and your close ties.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Some fast-talking person can convince a close relative to agree to a plan that is vital to you.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he, or she,

will be most capable of working with his, or her, hands. It would be wise to give a course of education that will combine the strong mental and physical powers of this child. Late in life your child will choose a profession that is highly progressive.

THE Daily Crossword by Reginald L. Johnson

Dollar drops

LONDON (R) — The dollar dropped Tnesday as financial markets decided that Washington talks between President Reagan and Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone did little to resolve problems that beset the global economy.

The dollar's midday setting in Frankfurt at 1.7640 West German marks -- down from 1.7786 on Monday — was the lowest since July 30, 1980, when the rate was fixed at 1.7621 marks.

Currency dealers were sceptical that the Reagan-Nakasone talks last week brought convincing measures to correct a buge U.S. trade deficit and burgeoning Japanese surplus.

Remarks on Monday by U.S. Commerce Under-Secretary Bruce Smart that the talks were a disappointment reinforced the mood

The dollar closed weak in New York Monday night, worth 138.50 yen and 1.7650 West German

And when the important London market reopened Tnesday after a long holiday weekend it failed to perk up.

Despite huying to try to help it hy West Germany's Bundesbank and the Central Bank of Switzerland. it dipped to 138.05 yen and 1.7615 marks during Europe's

The big test for the dollar, hovering close to its recent record post-war low of 137.25 yen, may be Wednesday when the Tokyo market reopens. Tokyo closed for bolidays both on Monday and

Investors favour bullion when

Mr. Nakasone told Mr. Reagan

he would shave short-term in-

terest rates and pledged other

measures to stimulate demand in

Japan's economy so that it im-

Japanese buy more goods, citing a tradition of thrift and high food

drain consumer budgets.

But many economists doubt he

And, with dealers guessing that

Remarks on Monday by Bun-

desbank President Karl Otto

Poehl that the stability of world

did nothing to neip the douar on

"If Poehl himself is sceptical

about a dollar recovery, there will

be nobody in the market expect-ing a dollar rise," said a Frankfurt

dealer for a large U.S.-based

United States will resort to pro-tectionism to correct its deficit,

strangling world trade.

Speculation was increasing Tuesday that, in the short-term,

U.S. interest rates will have to

rise to arrest the dollar's fall and

attract money to dollar-denomin-

Some investors worry that the

Tuesday.

ports more and exports less.

the nternational economic out-

look seems uncertain.

Tuesday.

container traffic increasing by nearly 19 per cent. As the dollar dipped, so gold rose — to a London price Tuesday morning at \$464.50 an ounce, np from \$453.75 last Friday. Silver was up 90 U.S. cents to \$9 an

statistics are available.

only gateway.

Mina Raysut, where container facilities were installed under the sources said.

lah Al Harthi, announced an increase in container handling

charges for transhipment through

the sultanate's two state-run Ara-

The new tariffs at Mina

Qaboos in Muscat and the smal-

ler Mina Raysut in Salalah are 15

riyals (\$39) each for containers up to seven metres Inng and 25 riyals

The previous charge, 10 rivals

(\$26) for all containers, was set

low to attract business, shipping

port and like it nnw," said one

source, speaking on condition of

"The new figures are more in

line with our actual costs, giving

us no real profit. We're operating

on very small margins," he said. Facilities at Mina Qaboos were

expanded under Oman's second

five-year plan 1981-85 to service

The two ports are distant from

the growing number of ships call-

the Gnlf, where Iran and Iraq

regularly attack ships in their

61/2-year-old war. Oman straddles

the Strait of Hornauz, the Gulf's

Some 1,600 ships and 1,100 light craft called at Mina Qaboos

in 1985, the latest year for which

The port handled 2.54 million

tonnes of cargo that year, with

"People have got to know the

(\$65) for bigger containers.

sources said.

hian Sea ports Monday.

Egypt ups interest rates

CAIRO (R) - Egypt took further measures Monday to meet International Monetary Fund (IMF) demands by raising interest rates on some loans and saying it would reform its multitiered foreign exchange rate

Prime Minister Atef Sedki told reporters the government would announce within the next few days "new regulations aimed at controlling the exchange rate."

can do much to make the Egypt is to get up to \$1 billing in standby credits over and housing prices there which three years from the IMF to help to shore up its economy and pave the way for rescheduling nearly it will take time to get world trade \$40 billion in foreign debts. into anythig close to a balance, the dollar is continuing to obey the laws of the market place and

A final decision on the IMF accord was expected later this month, Mr. Sedki said.

The main IMF demands. according to a draft agreement reached in February, were measures to reduce the budget deficit, now at \$5.6 billion, unification of currency rates is a long way off the multiple exchange rate, higher interest rates and higher

Mr. Sedki said a unified exchange rate would stop the rapid devaluation of the Egyptian pound against the dollar on the free market, which he said financed 90 per cent of all imports.

The central bank's commercial rate is currently around 1.35 pounds to the dollar compared with about 2.16 pounds on the unofficial market.

"The idea is to attract more foreign currency carned by Egyptians abroad," Mr. Sedki said. He said the new rate, expected

Oman hikes cargo fees MUSCAT, Oman (Agencies) — 1981-85 plan, handled 322 ships Oman's communications minis- and around 430,000 tonnes of ter, Sheikh Hamoud Ibn Abdul- cargo in 1985.

> Oman signs agreement for oil exploration near Strait of Hormuz

Meanwhile, Oman has signed an agreement for a foreign consortium to explore for oil near the Strait of Hornuz entrance to the Gulf, government sources said Monday.

The 2,000-square kilometre concession, for which the accord was signed with International Petroleum Corp (IPC), is off the Omani town of Bukha, near another concession where IPC has already discovered oil and gas, they said.

IPC is a consortium comprising Sweden's Adolf Lundin Group and West Germany's Wintershall A.G., the sources said.

The agreement stipulates that if oil is found in commercia quantities the accord will be in effect for 30 years, with IPC keeping 12 per cent of the oil and giving 88 per cent tn Oman.

IPC's current concession off

Bukha has proved fruitful, with plans being developed to ship the oil by tanker and to bring the gas ashnre to be distributed in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Oman, an oil source in Oman

The new IPC agreement brings to 13 the number of concessions currently granted in Oman, which produces about 530,000 barrels per day (b/d) and has capacity of more than 700,000 b/d, oil

by bankers to be set between 1.80 and 1.90 pounds to the dollar, was expected to "gradually curb the free market,' One banker said the new rates must be close enough to the free

market rate to be effective. Egypt also has exchange rates of 0.70 pounds to the dollar for government book-keeping purposes and 0.40 pounds to the dollar used mainly for trade with the Soviet Bloc.

A statement by the central bank said interest rates for loans of one to two years were raised by one per cent and loans of more than two years by two per cent. The new one to two-year rates

are 12-14 per cent for the agricultural and industrial sectors, 14-16 per cent for services and household loans and 17 per cent for the commercial sector.

Rates for more than two years are 13-15 per cent for the agricultural and industrial sectors, 15-17 per cent for services and bousehold loans and 18 per cent for the commercial sector.

Interest rates on deposits remained unchanged at five to 13 per cent.

Bankers predicted major price increases after the government unifies exchange rates over the next 18 months, but Mr. Sedki said: "if this happens, we will compensate those affected."

The government sends more than \$2 billion a year to subsidise basic foods and commodities and cushion Egypt's population of 51 million against inflation.

World Bank announces major reorganisation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barber Conable of the World Bank, the biggest source of aid to poor countries, announced a major reorganisation on Monday that may cut as many as 600 from its staff of more than 6.000.

told reporters.

member in four is American. The rest come from over 100 countries of the 151 that own the bank. He said the part of the World

Bank group that makes money, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), will contine lending at the present rate, about \$14 billion a year. Its International Development Association (IDA), which lends in the poorest countries at less than one per cent annual interest, is awaiting approval by Congress of a U.S. contribution of \$2.9 hillion.

If that goes through, over 30 other donor countries are expected to join in, so that loans can go forward at a rate of about \$4 hillion a year for the next three

Mr. Conable said he will appoint a new vice president to Third Wnrld deht, which the

"I hope it will be fewer," he bank estimates will reach \$1.08 trillion this year. He added that Mr. Conable said one staff the job has been offered to Mr. Eugene Rotberg, the hank's

American treasurer, and Mr. Rotherg is now considering it. "The bank is being asked to do many new things," Mr. Conable

The trade bill passed last week by the Hnuse of Representatives would associate the hank with a new international bndy that would be created to manage Third World debt. The new organisation would buy up loans to Third World countries at a discount and pass the benefit along to the borrowers. Treasnry Secretary James Baker opposes

the plan. Mr. Conable said he still prefers Mr. Baker's own plan, under which the bank would take a major role in promoting new loans of \$29 billion over three years to 15 countries already deep deal with the whole problem of in debt. Borrowing governments

lier to private enterprise so that they would be in better position

to тера Mr. Baker wanted \$20 billion to come from commercial banks. But since he made the proposal 18 months ago, U.S. hanks have been collecting money owed them instead of lending nut addi-

tional sums. Mr. Conable is a former Republican congressman from New York, who took over the presidency of the bank 10 months ago. He said there will be four senior vice presidents instead of

Mr. Moeen Oureshi, a Pakistani who has been in charge of finance, will trade jobs with Mr. Ernest Stern, an American whn has been running operations, Mr. W. David Hopper, a Canadian who is now vice president for South Asia, will be in charge of policy, planning and research and Mr. Willi Wapenhaus of West Germany will become senior vice president for administration instead of vice president for Europe, the Middle East and North Africa.

Mr. Conable said the reorganisation will cost a maximum of \$150 million to put through, but would save as much as \$50 million would adopt new policies friend- a year.

MF lends

JAKARTA (R) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has approved a loan of \$609 million to Indonesia to help the country's balance of payments, badly hit by the slump in word oil prices, an Indonesian government statement said.

"We view this loan as an indication of the confidence the IMF has in our economy and our management of it," Indonesian Central Bank Governor Arifin Siregar said in the statement.

The World Bank approved a \$300 million trade adjustment loan in February to belp Asia's largest oil exporter adapt to the impact of the crash in world oil prices in early 1986.

The oil price fall cut the value of Indonesia's oil and natural gas exports by 40 per cent, forcing it to devalue the rupiali by 31 per cent last September. "In response to lower com-

'modity prices, Indonesia adopted policies of fiscal and monetary restraint. The support of institutions such as the IMF will serve to maintain the momentum of Indonesia's economic adjustment," Mr. Siregar stated.

World Bank and IMF credits would help Indonesia, the Third World's sixth largest foreign debtor, to raise further commercial

The country of 168 million people is an important producer of tin, palm oil, rubber, coffee and tea, and hes astride the strategic sea lanes between the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

A series of measures by Indonesia, including the September devaluation and steps to boost non-oil exports, have won support from overseas bankers and lending institutions. Mr. John Bohn, visiting chair-

man of the U.S. Export-Import (Exim) Bank, said Monday in Jakarta that Indonesia had shown toughness in adopting the necessary measures to face last year's plunge in world oil prices. The Exim Bank has announced

\$100 million in soft loans for Indonesia, while Japan's Exim Bank is providing financing of er borrowing by Indonesia is con-5900 million to allow World Bank ditional on it maintaining present Development projects to go adjustment policies, including reahead which otherwise would ducing protectionism and tariff have been scrapped or delayed harriers.

Western hankers said the because of Indonesia's cash shor-

Mr. Siregar has said there is no formal conditions attached to the IMF loans as Indonesia had made

the necessary policy adjustments He told Renters in an interview last month he now expected that with oil prices around \$18 a barrel Indonesia's current account deficit in the 1987/88 financial year which began on April 1 would be less than originally forecast. He said the deficit would probably fall below \$2 billion from \$4.1 billion in 1986/87. The government previously projected the 1987/88 deficit at \$2.63 billion, if oil prices averaged \$15 a barrei.

The current account reflects the balance of trade, plus transactions in invisible goods and ser-

Indonesia's disbursed foreign debts, including the private sector, are now around \$38 billion. Western bankers estimate.

The World Bank has said furth-

c expects record cereal crop

BRUSSELS (R) — The European Community (EC), already heavily overburdened with food surpluses, is expected to produce a record crop of cereals in 1987/ 88, EC sources said Monday.

The prospect of yet another bumper crop arises just as the 12-nation Community is strug-gling to cut farm subsidies and discourage the over-production

More than two-thirds of the EC is spent on farm support.

THE BETTER HALF

Economists say that agricultural subsidies by the EC, Japan and United States are becoming a global scandal. A glut of cut-price farm produce in industrial nations bas helped depress prices to farmers in Third World countries which handouts to farmers have which sorely need a flourishing

countryside. The EC sources said the cereals

harvest, which last hit a record high in 1984/85, was expected to rise almost 11 per cent to more than 170 million tonnes in 1987/88 from around 153 million tonnes in 1986/87.

The Community's grain silos are already filled with some 10.6 million tonnes of surplus cereal.

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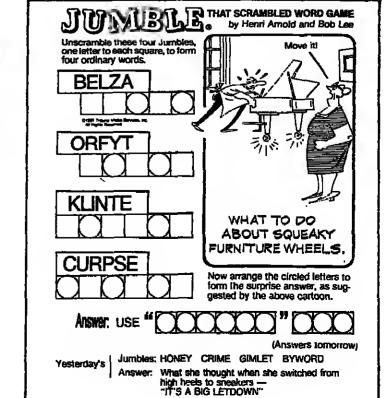


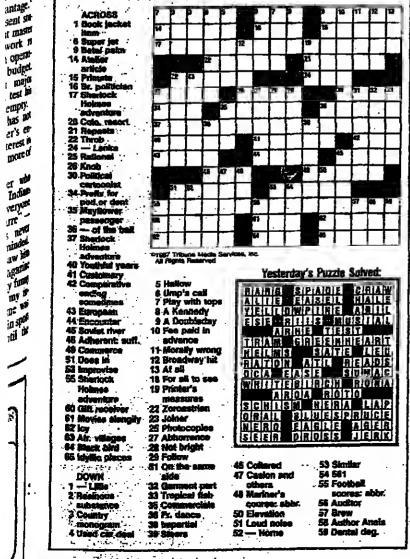






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S. Africa hit by explosions, mass black protests on eve of elections

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Explosions rocked central Johannesburg and a border town as South African police braced for two days of black protest on the eve of whites-only elections.

A black man was killed and 10 other blacks injured when their truck hit a landmine near the border with Zimbabwe on Monday night and two bombs caused slight damage to the Johannesburg Civic Centre early Tuesday.

The government's Burean For Information reported the driver of the truck was killed and IO passengers were injured, three seriously, when the vehicle hit a mine west of the town of Messina, close to the Limpopo River border with Zimbabwe.

But there were no casualties in the explosions at the Johannesburg Civic Centre which is to be used as a polling station

The government has predicted a campaign of terror by national-ist guerrillas during the election. The latest violence was re-

MOSCOW (R) - The second of

four reactors at the Chemobyl

Nuclear Power Station has been

shut down for preventive mainte-

nance work, the official Soviet

News Agency TASS said

The sbut-down would last until

June 1, TASS said but gave no

It said the first unit at the plant,

north of Kiev, was operating at

full planned capacity and decon-

tamination work was continuing

at the third reactor, adjacent to

the entombed fourth unit, which

TASS said the plant had since

produced seven billion kilowatt-

The Soviet Union has begun

hours of electricity.

Tnesday.

further details.

ported as tens of thousands of blacks, watched by large security contingents, stayed at home in segregated townships at the start of a nationwide anti-election pro-

Anni-apartheid radicals barricaded roads with burning tyres and tree trunks in townships near the Indian Ocean port of Durban and the atmosphere in Soweto, the country's largest hlack city on the outskirts of Johannesburg,

Major trade unions and dissident groups had set Tuesday and Wednesday as days of peaceful protest over the 25 million black majority's exclusion from parhamentary elections.

Police Commissioner Johan Coetzee said Monday that black radicals planned to disrupt the

moderated nuclear reactor which

should improve reliability and

safety, Atomic Power Engineer-

ing Minister Nikolai Lukonin said

Mr. Lukonin told TASS that

TASS did not say when the

Soviet authorities earlier said

they planned to install the water-

cooled, water-moderated reac-

tors at new nuclear plants instead

the decision to switch to the

water-moderated reactors was

taken before the Chernobyl acci-

dent and was based on cutting

the middle of the bus.

the reactors would function anto-

matically with little need for in-

reactors would enter service.

tervention by staff.

election by organising school boycotts, student protests and work stoppages.

He said in an interview with the Johannesburg Star that they also planned to take businads of black children to polling stations, ostensibly on educational trips, but in reality to create confrontations with police and voters.

In the Durban black township of Kwamashu, reporters saw at least 10 hlazing barricades blocking dusty streets as police armoured cars escorted buses carrying the few commuters who defied the protest call.

In the nearby town of Umlazi, where conservative Zulu tribesmen have strong influence, many students went to school.

A Reuter correspondent in Soweto said most residents appeared to ignore appeals broadcast over army loudhailers to go to their jobs in Johannes-

burg.
Full details of the protest plans

of emergency, but pamphlets re-commended that shebeens (beer balls) stay closed in black

Heavily-armed security contingents guarded strategic entrances to the buge township of two million people and traffic to Johannesburg's industrial parks and commercial centre was scarce, eyewitnesses said.

The government has accused the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) guerrilla movement of planning a "terror campaign" during voting.

The ran-up to the election has seen an upsurge of political unrest. Police have shot dead six black strikers and clashed several times with student protesters in

Police said they arrested 120 demonstrators Monday after using tear gas, hatons and whips to disperse thousands of students protesting against the election at Jobannesburg's mainly-white Witwatersrand University,

cannot be reported under a state Tribal guerrillas kill 7 in southern Bangladesh

DHAKA (R) — Separatist tribal rebels machinegunned seven people to death and hurned scores of houses at a settlers' colony in southern Bangladesh, local officials said Tuesday.

They said members of the out-"Shanti Bahini" (peace force) attacked the settlement near the border town of Ramgarh Monday night.

After their attacks the rebels, who are fighting for autonomy for the Chittagong Hill Tracts, fled across the nearby border into India, the officials said.

there had been a two-week lull in rebel activity following abortive talks last month between the foreign secretaries of India and Bangladesh on ending the cross-border insurgency.

The Shantis want autonomy for

the 14,200 square kilometres of Chittagong Hill Tracts and the expulsion of non-tribal settlers who, they claim, are destroying tribal culture and stealing tribal lands

New Delhi emphatically denies charges by Dhaka that it is providing sanctuary and supplying Until Monday night's attack arms to the rebels.

Kabul says Karmal left on trip to Soviet Union

ISLAMABAD (R) — Deposed Afghan President Babrak Karmal has left Kabul for the Soviet Union for medical treatment and rest, official Kabul Radio re-

climbed over and started helping The radio monitored in Islama everybody," said passenger Tranae Chardon, who was seated in At least six people on the bus were confirmed dead and 19 were injured, including the truck driv-

er, said Fire Department Capt. Mr. Kar Police spokesman Billy Blankenship said officials at the scene at first reported seven fatalities, but later determined that only six

people had died. Those being treated suffered broken bones, internal injuries, cuts, neck injuries and multiple trauma injuries, and one was

ported.

bad said the visit was in response to an invitation and doctors' advice, but it did not specify for what ailment the 58-year-old Karmal would be treated nor did it say from whom the invitation

Communist Party leader by Najib in May last year, officially be-cause of Mr. Karmal's poor health. Mr. Karmai was stripped of the figurehead presidency in November.

Before his departure, Mr. Kar- other ailments.

mal Monday met with Mr. Najih, other party politburo members and Central Committee secretaries, the radio said. He was seen off at the Kabul airport by several party and government officials, family members and the Soviet ambassador in Kabul, the radio

It described Mr. Karmal only as a party Central Committee member and said he left for the Soviet Union "on invitation and advice of doctors for treatment

Mr. Karmal has visited the Soviet Union several times for medical treatment and Western diplomats have speculated he might be suffering from lung and

Bomb damages Athens bank

ATHENS, Greece (Agencies) — A bomb exploded Tuesday outside a bank in a residential Athens district, shattering windows but causing no injuries, police said.

The blast occurred at 3:30 a.m. (0030 GMT) at a branch office of the Credit Bank in the Peristeri neighbourbood, said a police spokesman who asked for anony-

The spokesman said the explosion smashed the bank's windows and those of a store opposite.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the hlast.

A left-wing Greek terrorist group, Revolutionary Popular Struggle (ELA), claimed bomh attacks last Thursday against two government tax offices and the Greek subsidiary of Union Car-bide, the U.S. chemical company. No injuries were reported in any of the blasts.

Meanwhile former Greek military junta leader George Papadopoulos was taken from jail to parliament under heavy police guard Tuesday to give evidence before a parliamentary com-

Sri Lankan youths reportedly seek to topple government

young Sri Lankans receive military training from a banned political group whose aim is to over-throw President Junius Jayewardene, police said Tuesday.

also infiltrated the security forces," a senior police spokesman, who declined to be identified, told Reuters in an interview. He said thousands had joined

ned in 1983 by the government for suspected involvement in rioting in July that year when about 400 minority Tamils were killed by mobs of majority Sinhalese.

voking the riots after a funeral ceremony in Colombo for 13 sol-diers killed by Tamil guerrillas fighting for a separatist state in northern and eastern areas of the island.

The spokesman said police had raided several training camps and hideouts and arrested 50 suspected members of the group, whose leader Robana Wijeweera went underground after directing

About 10,000 members were killed in the rebellion and scores,

hig election victory by Mr. Jayewardene's ruling United National Party.

the army with JVP connections. "They are a serious threat to About 50 suspected JVP men the government and many have who deserted the army were believed to have joined for weapons to join the group," the spokesman said.

Weapons, bombs and explosive devices have been found in

turned to their desks under police guard Tuesday amid a bomb scare, the latest consequence of last month's bloody car bomb massacre in Colombo.

Police ringed schools in the capital to stop cars parking outside and security guards searched vehicles and schoolbags as three million children returned to work after a break that saw an upsurge of bomb attacks and bloodshed on the island.

At least 400 people were killed during the month-long school break, in ethnic violence related including Wijeweeta, were jailed to the four-year rebellion by until 1977 when they were re-

Indonesian landslide JAKARTA (R) — At least 35 rial rains and an earthquake in people were killed and 50 injured in a landslide which swamped He said around 500 people

dozens of homes at a limestone quarry on the Indonesian island Sumatra, police said Tuesday.

A police spokesman in Padangpanjang, west Sumatra, told Reuters by telephone that at least 65 other people were missing feared killed in the landslide caused by heavy rains Monday.

Army rescue workers used buildozers to push aside earth and rocks as they searched for

District Police Chief Sohani Effendi said 50 homes around a limestone quarry near Padang-panjang were hit by piles of falling earth and rocks which had been loosened by heavy equato-

lived in the quarry complex and probably 100 had been killed in the disaster. Another 50 people had been taken to hospital. Passengers in several dozen cars were trapped by the land-

slide which blocked a road leading to the quarry. Police were trying to clear the highway. Northern and western Sumatra

were hit by an earthquake last week and the area was rocked by repeated aftershocks. Homes, churches and schools around the highland town of Tarutung were damaged in the quake.

Police said Tuesday that earth around the quarry may have been loosened by the tremors.

Actress denies romantic relationship with Hart

100 feared killed in

MIAMI (R) — The woman at the centre of a controversy involving U.S. presidential candidate Gary Hart bas denied any romantic or sexual involvement.

"I have not slept with Gary Hart," Donna Rice, a hlonde 29-year-old actress and model. told a news conference at the office of her attorney.

Mr. Hart, the early favourite for the Democratic Party's 1988 presidential nomination, has been married for 28 years.

The controversy erupted over the weekend when the Miami Herald said its reporters staked out Mr. Hart's Washington town house for 24 hours and saw Ms. Rice enter with him on Friday evening and leave again on Saturday.

The newspaper's allegations vere published on the same day that a profile of Mr. Hart in the New York Times Sunday magazine quoted him challenging journalists to "put a tail on me" to prove persistent rumours of

Ms. Rice appeared in the TV series "Dallas" and in the soap opera "one life to live," according to her resume filed with a Miami modelling agency,

The news conference Monday

at which she denied any romantic links with Mr. Hart, front-runner for the Democratic Party's nomination for president, was restricted to representatives of four news organisations. They passed on her remarks to Reu-

Ms. Rice said she had visited

Mr. Hart's home on Friday and Saturday night but slept both nights at the home of William Broadhurst, a friend of Mr. Hart's. She said she first met Mr. Hart

at a New Year's Party in Aspen. Colorado. Their next meeting came on March 1 on a yacht in Miami.

Ms. Rice's attorney, Tom McAliley, described Ms. Rice's relations with Mr. Hart as "casual and innocent and nothing for anyone to be ashamed of.

Apart from meeting in Aspen and aboard the yacht, the two had also been together with others on a boat trip from South Florida to the island of Bimini in the Bahamas, McAliley said. He declined to provde details,

except to say there was no romantic involvement between Mr. Hart and Ms. Rice during the "She is determined that the

whole truth be told and that everybody know she has nothing to hide," he said. Asked whether she was concerned about bow Mr. Hart's link

to her would affect his campaign, Ms. Rice said, "it's none of my business. He's a grown man." The blonde actress said she was

more attracted to younger men. Mr. Hart is 50. In an interview with Herald reporters on Saturday night Mr. Hart also denied any impropriety

and his Campaign Manager Bill Dixon later issued a statement accusing the newspaper of character assassination.

Peruvian rebels attack ministries, army barracks

LIMA (R) — Leftist guerrillas south, was caused by a homb attacked ministries, military barracks and several other targets, blacking out much of Peru, and at least one person was killed in the resulting crossfire, police sources

Residents reported explosions in several Lima suburbs and the blackout lasted for more than four hours.

Radio stations Monday reported that security forces opened fire in several areas of the

capital city of six million people. A spokesman for the state power company, Electroperu, said the hlackout, which stretched for 1,000 kilometres from

on the central distribution system in Huancayo, 300 kilometres east of Lima.

The attacks, the most concerted guerrilla assault on Lima recently, came less than two weeks before the seventh anniversary of the anti-government insurgency hy Maoist Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrillas, which has claimed almost 10,000 lives.

guerrilla bombs exploded outside the residence of the U.S. amhassador, hut an emhassy spokesman said be did not believe it had been Chiclayo in the north to Ica in the a target.

U.S. amnesty day begins for 3 million illegal aliens

amnesty day for an estimated 3 million illegal immigrants, the beginning of a year-long opportunity to become a U.S. citizen.

The programme offers amnesty only to those who illegally en-

tered the country before Jan. I. 1982, and have lived here continuously since then. The first alien to be processed and granted temporary residency

Tnesday was Daniel Pelino Roden from the Philippines, said Joe Flanders, an Immigration and Naturalisation Service (INS) spokesman in Los Angeles. Roden submitted his application papers in Guam, a U.S. territory in the Pacific Because of southern Florida's

groups, including colleges, church groups and migrant-work-er associations, also are offering

belp.
"The INS estimate is probably in the realm of 150,000 to 250,000 (applications) statewide, but that's a pure guesstimate," said Miami District Director Perry Rivkind.

ble to show up Tuesday. And the estimate of 3 million eligible people is just that - a guess. "Nobody bas any real clear indication of the numbers we're leen Rimar of Catholic Charities of Buffalo, New York. "A lot of the people may be sitting back and waiting to see what hap-

The Los Angeles Catholic Archdiocese says it already has registered 285,000 aliens who intend to seek amnesty.

adult with a maximum of \$420 for Darlene Kalke, executive

director of the Centre for Immigrants Rights in New York City. told a news conference Monday that the regulations are so cumbersome they may prevent many applicants from gaining

cords for the past five years, something "that would even be hard for any of us who are U.S. citizens to do," Ms. Kalke said. "Most of these people spent their whole lives here trying to

hide their history," she said. "Many times they did not work or rent in their own names so to re-create a paper trail will be very difficult.' For some aliens, she said, the

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Rotary clubs ordered to admit women

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. supreme court has ruled that Rotary Clubs, all male private community service groups, must admit women in the United States. In a 7-0 decision, the court rejected arguments by Rotary International that U.S. state laws requiring admission of women violate the constitutional rights of Rotarians to associate with whom they please. Rotary International is a worldwide association of all-male cinbs active in community service. There are nearly 20,000 clubs in 157 countries with more than 900,000 members. Supporting Rotary International in the case were a wide range of other non-profit business groups, including the Kiwanis, Moose and Lions Lodges. "In this case, the evidence fails to demonstrate that admitting women to Rotary Clubs will affect in any significant way the existing members' ability to carry out their various purposes," Justice Lewis Powell wrote for the court.

Global AIDS project launched

LONDON (AP) - The International Planned Parenthood Federation has said it has launched a £1.6 million (\$2.7-million) global campaign to combat the spread of AIDS. The federation which has affiliates in 23 nations, said it was setting up an ADS prevention unit at its London beadquarters to provide information and help where needed, particularly in the developing world. A pilot programme in Africa includes training in health education and money for blood-screening equipment, the federation said in a statement. Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is widespread in central Africa. The fatal disease, which cripples the body's natural immunity to disease, is usually transmitted by sexual contact and exchange of blood. In the Western world, male homosexuals have been most at risk.

Reagan orders creation of AIDS panel -

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan has ordered the setting up of a national commission to help deal with the killer disease AIDS, "AIDS is clearly one of the most serious health problems facing the world community and our bealth care establishment is working overtime to find a cure," Mr. Reagan said in a written statement. "The commision will help us to ensure that we are using every possible public health measure to contain the spread of the virus," he said. White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the commission would among other things review completed research, target future areas of research and recommend ways to protect Americans who do not have the disease.

Wife looking out for Reagan's welfare

NEW YORK (R) — President Reagan's wife Nancy has said she makes no apologies for looking out for her husband's personal and political welfare. "Although I don't get involved in policy, it's silly to suggest my opinion should not carry some weight with a man I've been married to for 35 years," Mrs. Reagan told a handle of the American Newspaper Publishers. Association luncheon at the American Newspaper Publishers Association convention. Mrs. Reagan has frequently been referred to recently as a behind-the-scenes political manipulator directing some of her. husband's public actions. She was believed to be instrumental in forcing the ouster of Donald Regan as White House chief of staff. and his replacement by former Senator Howard Baker, "I'm a woman who loves her husband, and I make no apologies for looking out for his personal and political welfare," she said. "We have a genuine, sharing marriage. I go to his aid. He comes to mine. I have opinions. He has opinions. We don't always agree. But neither marriage nor pobtics denies a spouse the right to hold an opinion or the right to express it." Mrs. Reagan opened her speech with jokes about her alleged role in the White House. This morning I had planned to clear up U.S. Soviet differences on intermediate-range nuclear missiles - but I decided to clean out Ronnie's sock drawer instead," she said. "You know, I recently read that I am an 'unelected, unaccountable, powerhungry political manipulator' of 'extraordinary vindictiveness' who, supported in her power playing hy a bloated, expensive staff, exhibits a zest for combat and presumes to control the actions and appointments of the executive branch." As my son said, 'yeah, mom, that's you.""

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OE2 diverts to avoid ice

LONDON (AP) — Britain's luxury QE2 liner was to arrive late in New York on Monday after a 400-kilometre diversion in fog to avoid ice in the area where the Titanic sank in 1912, London's Daily Telegraph reported. The QE2 sailed from Southampton on Thursday on its first voyage after a 179-day refit in Bremerhaven, West Germany, which cost £110 million (\$182 million). The Cunard Line said Sunday it would pay crew members a £200 (\$332) bonus for extra work they did to remedy faults in plumbing, air conditioning and other problems. Cunard Chairman Alan Kennedy, who is on board, said Saturday that all 1,200 passengers would be offered a 40 per cent cash refund on their fares after many complaints. The Titanic sank on its maiden voyage with the loss of some 1,500 lives after hitting an iceberg.

Farmers get rich by raising snakes

PEKING (R) - Ten Chinese farmers have become rich by raising snakes on rats. The New China News Agency said Monday the farmers, in the south-west China region of Guangri, gave away. electric rat-catching devices and then bought rat bodies from trappers for 27 cents a bead. The rats are fed-to the snakes Venom and snake gallbladders are sold to makers of Chinese medicine, the skin to tanners and the meat of the snakes is sold to gourmets. The news agency said the farmers were raising 2,300 snakes, including cobras, and had hatched 2,600 babies. In a separate rat story, a rat in the central province of Sbanxi stole 27 new watches from a shop and nearly framed a shop assistant for the crime, the China Daily reported Monday. It said a long police inquiry into the missing watches failed to turn np any clues and a salesman in the shop was under suspicion. When the shop counters was moved, the four-legged thief and his loot were found in a hole underneath, it added.

Grave robbers cut China's phone links

HONG KONG (R) - Thieves plundering an ancient burial site in HONG KONG (R) — I meves plundering an ancient ourial site in central China accidentally cut a telephone cable and disrupted the country's international calls for almost 24 hours, an official Chinese news agency reported Monday. The China News Service said the incident occurred near Xian last January. The agency said the number of thefts from tombs was increasing as prices for Chinese antiques soar. More than 70 cases had been reported in the old capitals of Xian and Luoyang where many of the country's past rulers were buried. It said the authorities were stepping up a crackdown on thefts from graves and the smnggling of antiques. Smuggled annues are usually taken to Hong Kong and Macao where dealers pay much higher prices than in China.

Peking approves dances

PEKING (R) — Dances have been approved for the people of Peking as long as the lights are kept bright, no liquor is served and a band can be found that knows two tunes and has four matching jackets. The official China News Service has published city government regulations that came into effect on May 1 that permit "cultural work-units," hotels, restaurants and private ousinessmen to arrange dances. An applicant must be checked by the police, get a licence from the Culture Ministry and a business permit from the industrial and commercial management office, it said. The dancehall must have at least five watts of light personner mater and the creamiser cannot hive hoose or headeness of square metre and the organiser cannot hire hosts or hosts or serve liquor, it said. The band must wear the same clothers have at least four musicians and know at least two tunes, and must play only music that has been legally published or boradcast on the same control of the same clothers. television or radio, it said. There is no regulation on the type of dancing, it said.

of the graphite-moderated model exploded one year ago. in use at older plants, including The first two Chernohyl reacthe Chernobyl power station in tors, shut down after the nuclear accident, came back on stream According to Soviet officials, last autumn

Second Chernobyl reactor

closed for maintenance

work on a new type of water- costs. 6 die in Texas road accident BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — A hus and an 18-wheel truck col-

lided on a rain-slick interstate

highway, killing at least six peo-

ple and injuring 19, police said. The truck "jumped the median and apparently hit it (the bus) hroadside," said Michael Wright.

a ticket agent for the bus company, Trailways. The impact tore off the front half of the hus and split the right side, leaving a trail of debris on Interstate 10. The accident occurred Monday in a heavy downpour about 1:50 p.m. (1850 GMT),

said Fire Department dispatcher Bill Weiblinger.

"I remember just seing all the chairs go to the front and I undergoing surgery.

ROME (R) — Pope John Paul's trip to West Germany drew repeated attention to the country's Nazi past but avoided discussion on whether the German church did all it could to stop the rise of

accompanying him during the flight back to Italy Monday, the Pope said the trip, his 34th outside Italy, bad been "a very im-

the five-day trip the Pope refer-

red to the tragedy of the Nazi era,

at one point describing it as the

personification of evil and proof

that the devil existed.

Adolf Hitler. In a brief address to reporters At nearly all of his stops during

Pope ends W. German visit The highlight, and also the most controversial part of the trip, was the beatification of Cologne last Friday of Edith Stein, a Jewish-born convert who became a Roman Cahtolic nun and was killed at the Auschwitz

camp in 1942. beatification is the penulti-mate step leading a sainthood in the Roman Catholic Church. Chancellor Helmut Kohl, in an official departure ceremony. Monday thanked the Pope for his contacts with Jewish leaders

saying they were especially im-

portant because of Germany's

borrible history this century."

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Opening lead: Two of T To reap the full benefit of our sage advice, cover the South and West hands before deciding how you would conduct the defense from the East chair. Your partner leads the two of hearts. Is there a

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legitimate line to defeat the Your partner's opening lead marks declarer with a heart. From the bidding, you can assume that declarer is 6-6 in the minors, alspades is a remote possibility. In either case, you can forget about your side scoring a spade trick to defeat the contract. And if your

There is one legitlmate chance to three trumps are headed by the 10. return a heart to promote a dlamond trick for your side.

Is there a way to improve the odds? Yes, if declarer gets careless, and you might be able to tult him into a false sense of security. The Initial step in your campaign is to win the first trick with the ace! That can't cost—there is nothing useful declarer can discard on the king of hearts. Now return the

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THE OLD HIDDEN-QUEEN TRICK Neither vulnerable. South deals. NORTH

side can win a club trick, declarer is a prime candidate for the funny

seven of hearts.

If partner has the ten of diamonds, your little bit of deception

will have done no harm—the con-

tract is going down no matter what. But if the cards lie as in the diagram, declarer might not realize

the necessity of trumping high, and

partner will get to overruff for the

the extreme left-wing Janatha Vunukthi Peramuna (JVP), ban-

Police blamed Janatha for pro-

a failed revolution in 1971.

COLOMBO (R) - Hundreds of leased under an amnesty after a

"There are over 2,000 men in training. Others in service are spies or trying to induce soldiers

Janatha camps at Balangoda in southern province and Kandy in the central hills, be said. Sri Lankan schoolchildren re-

large population of Haitians, Cubans and Central Americans, the INS set up five special offices in the Miami area to belp with processing Tuesday. Thirteen

No one expects all those eligi-

NEW YORK(AP) - Tuesday is talking about," said Sister Kath-

Application fees are \$185 per

In addition to work records, applicants must show utility bills, bank receipts, rent and tax re-

law creates agonising decisions. "Say a man came bere in 1981, but his wife came in 1982 with the children," Ms. Kalke said. "He is eligible for amnesty but they are